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THE STATES AND CHILI.

WASHINGTON PEOPLE STILL TALK OF WAR.

The Chilian Government Re-Organized—Redmond Elected in Waterford—Severe Weather in Europe—The Canadian Pacific Going in for Whalebacks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The talk of possible trouble with Chili, although wholly unofficial and unauthorized, has at no time been so general as it is to-night among officers of the army and navy. The War Department is forwarding recruits in squads of 40 or 50 as rapidly as possible to fill the complement of regiments in the far west and the Pacific Coast. Gun carriages are being shipped to San Francisco in sections, and guns will follow at an early date. Three ten-inch guns will probably be shipped early in January. The whole force at the Washington navy yard is at work turning out projectiles, and the men are kept at work day and night. General Schofield has been twice summoned before the Cabinet, and has given it as his opinion that if 10,000 men are sent out of this country it will be quite possible to fill their places in the regular army at home by temporary enlistments from the militia, a certain quota of regulars, equipped for actual service at the army posts, to be called for from each state. In case the ten thousand men transported to Chili should not be enough, it is reported that the President may call for 20,000 volunteers for a year. Add to all these facts and rumors the general understanding that the President will insist upon immediate and full reparation by Chili, and that several of Spreckel's steamers in the Australian and Hawaiian trade have been conditionally chartered, the war talk so apparent here to-night seems to have some current foundation.

VALPARAISO, Dec. 24.—Congress to-day after a careful scrutiny of the recent electoral vote, formally proclaimed George Montt to be Balmaceda's successor as president of Chili. Probably the new cabinet will include Ramon Barros Lucas as Minister of the Interior, Francisco Vergara, now manager of the bank at Valparaiso, as Minister of Hacienda, or Finance, and Blanco Viel, an able and bright man, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, to succeed Matte, whose reply to the American Government's demand for redress in the Baltimore affair called forth President Harrison's criticism in his recent message. Augustin Edwards, banker, and one of the foremost men in the Conservative party, will probably retain his present post of Minister of Public Works.

Victims of Severe Weather.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Intensely cold weather continues to prevail throughout England, and is causing more or less distress everywhere. In London, aside from the intense cold, the city is covered by thick, choking fog. All traffic on the river has been suspended. Very few wagons, carriages or other vehicles are moving. Several accidents caused by the fog have been reported. The Brighton mail coach was coming along Thornton Hill when the driver lost the road. The fog was as thick as a blanket, and he drove hither and thither, seeking to regain the highway. He at last thought he had struck the road and started ahead at a pretty good pace. He had not gone far, however, before the horses and coach were in a deep pond. They were finally extricated by some persons who heard the cries for help. A dispatch from Bradford, Yorkshire, states that during the prevalence of the fog a man walked into the canal at Shipley, three miles from Bradford, and though his cries for help could be heard, he was drowned before his would-be rescuers could find him. In Leeds two men lost their lives in consequence of the fog. One of them accidentally walked into the river and the other accidentally walked off a barge into the water and both were drowned.

ROME, Dec. 23.—While 200 laborers were returning from work on the Sulmona & Isernia Railroad they were overtaken by a terrible snowstorm. Many were suffocated in the drifts and others frozen. Fifteen bodies have thus far been recovered. Ten men are still missing.

Canadian Pacific Whalebacks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A special to the Times from West Superior, Wisconsin, says:—The keels were laid to-day in the yards of the American Steel Barge Company for two of a fleet of six mammoth whalebacks under contract for the Canadian Pacific Railway. These will be of improved model, 420 feet long, 42 feet beam, 25 feet depth and will be of greater capacity and much swifter than other whalebacks so far constructed. Since the construction of the Minneapolis & Sault Ste. Marie road, which is now operated by the C. P. R., its expectation in the matter of handling the bulk of northwestern wheat and flour has not been realized, as a greater portion of it still continues to go east via Chicago. In the whaleback fleet the road believes it has found a necessary adjunct for a monopoly of flour transportation, and with the opening of navigation will have a line of whalebacks to run in connection with the Soo line from its eastern terminus at Gladstone to lower lake ports.

Brutally Murdered.

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 24.—Mary McElroy was brutally murdered to-night by Walter Nelson, a notoriously bad character, whom she claimed as her husband. Nelson went to the house where Mrs. McElroy was stopping and forced his way in. He was armed with a heavy club, and compelled the woman to accompany him. A few moments after he left the body of Mrs. McElroy was found in an adjacent alley. The woman's head was nearly severed from her body, apparently with a razor. Nelson was arrested.

Can't Get Along no Wind.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—It will be a sorry Christmas for many delinquent subscribers to the World's Fair stock. This morning nearly 200 executions were put in the hands of constables, with instructions to levy on the property of those who have not paid up. The constables were told to serve the writs of attachment at once, and accept no explanations or promises from the delinquents. This vigorous policy is made necessary by the large demands on Treasurer Seeberger by the contractors at Jackson Park. The funds of the World's Fair are lower now than they have been at any time since the first assessment was ordered. Treasurer Seeberger has less than $700,000 to the credit of the exposition in the banks of Chicago.

FOUGHT GARCIA'S BANDITS.

A Skirmish Between United States Troops and Mexican Outlaws.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A special to the Times from Rio Grande City, Texas, says:—Captain John G. Bourke, with 19 cavalry and infantrymen, met 60 revolutionists at a place called the Retaermele, in Starr county, 11 miles from where Catarino Garcia crossed into Mexico, near La Gruella, early yesterday morning. As a result Corporal Charles Sedstrom lies dead at Fort Ringgold with two bullets in his head and one in his body, while Lieut. Charles Hayes, who was also in the fight, was knocked from his horse by the bullet glancing across his breast, but which fortunately only stunned him. At 6:30 o'clock last night Deputy Marshal M. A. Banadson, of Sidalgo county, informed Capt. Bourke that a large body of revolutionists were rendezvoused in this county below here, and would make the crossing at the Gruella range the same night and attack Carmago. Captain Bourke at once moved out with Lieut. Charles Hayes and 19 men to prevent it. At 12:30 to-day the United States forces dismounted by Capt. Bourke's orders and advanced carefully on the revolutionists, with orders to make no reply to the challenge of "quien viva" by the enemy's pickets. No answer being made, they were fired on by the two pickets posted. Then Bourke gave the order "fire, kneeling," which was followed by three volleys, which made the revolutionists break and run. It being very dark and not knowing the ground, Capt. Bourke did not pursue. After staying a short time he took up the line of march again for the Retalam Springs, where the revolutionists were well posted. The latter opened fire at once, killing Corporal Sedstrom and wounding Lieut. Hayes. Capt. Bourke's flankers being driven in, his handful of blue-coats at once advanced. They were outnumbered nearly four to one, but in short order Garcia's men ran, though not until private Body, of U. S. troop, 3rd Cavalry, who had been captured in the skirmish line, had gotten back to his command. It is not positively known what damage was done to Garcia's forces, who were commanded by Gustorgio Ramon and Julian Flores. The gallant and timely attack on them undoubtedly prevented the sacking of Carmago, as was intended that night.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Matters of Interest Going Forward in the Sporting World Here and Elsewhere.

THE RING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—James J. Corbett and Charlie Mitchell signed articles this afternoon to box six rounds in Madison Square Garden within seven weeks from date. Both men will begin to train at once. Corbett wanted to fight Mitchell to a finish under the London prize ring rules. Ordinary gloves are to be used and the stakes will be divided according to future arrangement. Mitchell refused to fight an additional round in case the referee, who is yet to be named, could not give a definite decision at the end of the sixth.

The Occidental Club made two matches this morning for January, one between the Black Pearl and Charlie Turner for $1000 to take place January 20, and another between Fred Bogan and Cal Hawkins for January 11. Turner and the Pearl will fight at 154 pounds and Bogan and Hawkins at 118 pounds.

M'AULIFFE AND MYERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Jack McAuliffe announced last night that he would fight Billy Myers at the Olympic Club in New Orleans for $7500 a side and a $1000 purse. He wired Charles Noel to that effect, and expects a reply to-day.

PERSONAL.

Movements of Well Known People in Various Diraptions.

Wm. Craft and bride have arrived from Tacoma.

W. M. Woods, teacher, Chilliwhack, will spend the holidays in Victoria visiting friends.

W. C. White, of Hampton, Va., and one of the pioneers of Victoria, arrived last night and will remain a few weeks.

Jas. E. White, an old Victorian, now a resident of Virginia, is in the city visiting friends, after several years' absence.

Lieut.-Colonel Wolfenden, Queen's printer, was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane last evening by the staff of the Government printing office.

The Police Came Off Best.

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 24.—Ex-Minister Valentine Amaya and Carlos Duenas, son of the ex-president of that name, had a rough and tumble duel at Santa Tecla yesterday. Duenas got much the worst of the encounter. The police took a hand in and beat Amaya terribly. They then arrested both of the combatants.

Killed by the Hired Man.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24. — Rutzon, the 17-year-old daughter of a farmer at Libertyville, north of the city, was fatally shot this morning by Tom Dawson, who immediately killed himself. Dawson was a deserter from the army, and was employed by the girl's father as a farm hand.

The Parnellites Carry Waterford.

WATERFORD, Dec. 24.—The Parnellites were victorious in yesterday's elections. Redmond got 1725 votes and Michael Davitt 1229.

THE CRISIS IN QUEBEC.

LIEUT.-GOV. ANGERS DISSOLVES THE ASSEMBLY.

Constitutionality of His Course Debated—The New Ministry Formed by Premier De Boucherville—A Fresh Hunt for Scandals Set on Foot.

Written for the TIMES.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Lieut.-Governor Angers has dissolved the Quebec Legislative Assembly. Nominations will take place on the 1st March and the elections on the 8th. In consequence there will be no meeting of the Legislature on the 29th inst. A Royal Commission has also been appointed to look through the pigeon holes of the various departments, with a view to providing more scandals to help the new government carry the elections. This new change of tactics is due to a visit of Abbott and Thompson to Montreal last week. The general opinion here is that Mercier will be returned by a large majority. The Legislature is to meet on April 7.

THE NEW MINISTRY.

Premier De Boucherville has succeeded in forming his government, which was sworn by the Lieut.-Governor at Spencerwood on Tuesday. It is as follows: Hon. C. B. De Boucherville, Premier and President of the Council; J. G. Hall, Treasurer; L. P. Pelletier, Provincial Secretary; G. A. Nantel, Public Works; Mr. Flynn, Crown Lands; Mr. Beaubien, Agriculture; T. C. Casgrain, Attorney-General. There are three ministers without portfolios, Hon. L. K. Masson, Taillon, and McIntosh. Of the new ministers, one, Mr. Masson, is an ex-Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, and two, Messrs. De Boucherville and Taillon, are ex-Premiers. Messrs. Taillon and Beaubien are also ex Speakers of the Legislative Assembly. Six of the ten have never before been members of a government. They are Messrs. Casgrain, Hall, Nantel, Beaubien, Pelletier, and McIntosh; four, Messrs. Casgrain, Flynn, Beaubieu and Masson, are without seats in the present Legislature.

HUNTING FOR SCANDALS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The new Treasurer of the Province of Quebec on taking possession yesterday at once instituted an investigation, and to-day announces that there has been found an item of $1,600,000, called "special expenditures," which swells the total deficit, or excess of expenditure over receipts, to $2,223,000. The department is now engaged in tracing this $1,600,000. In doing this the fact was stumbled over that Philip Vallieres, who endorsed Editor Pacaud's and Mr. Mercier's notes in the late Chaleurs scandal, has had a private contract with the Government to furnish all the public buildings in the province with everything in the way of furniture. He drew hundreds of thousands of dollars for goods worth only half what he charged for them.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Considerable discussion is taking place on the alleged unconstitutionality of the action of Lt.-Governor Angers in dissolving the local house, thus preventing the meeting of the assembly, within 12 months, as required by the 86th section of the B.N.A. Act. Mr. Bourinot and other constitutional authorities here hold that the act will not affect the status of the new legislature, and that the Governor alone is responsible for his action. The new legislature, when elected, or the Federal Parliament may, if so disposed, censure the Governor for error of judgment, but he is undoubtedly within his powers. Mr. Bourinot holds that sections 85 and 86 must be considered together, and that the annual meeting of the legislature is subject to the power of dissolution.

ANGER'S REASONS.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—A Quebec dispatch to the Empire says the Debouchcrville administration has the best of reasons for assuming the responsibility of dissolving the Legislature, the paramount one being that if the Legislature was in existence it would have to meet upon the 29th instant, when it would probably be asked by Mr. Mercier to report upon the case of the late Government without having before it the final and complete report of the Royal Commission upon the Baie des Chaleurs affair.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Decision in the Connolly Case—Four Tory Members Unseated.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The case against Thos. McGreevy and the Connolly Bros. was resumed on Tuesday in the police court before Judge Ross, who was acting for Police Magistrate O'Gara. All the accused were present. Osler, O'Connor and Hogg appeared for the prosecution, and Fitzpatrick, of Quebec, Ferguson, of Ottawa, and McIntyre, of Kingston, for the defendants. Notwithstanding that the Common Pleas court decided practically against the admission of the evidence taken before the Parliamentary committee in the present case, Judge Ross decided that he would admit this evidence, subject to objection. This was startling for the accused and their counsel, as Judge Ross had previously spoken otherwise. Mr. Osler asked for an adjournment until afternoon, so as to give him time to confer with the Minister of Justice as to the decision of the court. This was granted. In the afternoon Mr. Tarte and Mr. Todd, clerk of the Privileges and Elections Committee, were examined, and yesterday the evidence taken before that committee was put in, thus completing the case. Judge Ross delivered judgment this morning. He committed Nicholas Connolly and Hon. Thomas McGreevy for trial at the next assizes, and discharged Michael Connolly. His judgment was oral and brief, giving no reasons and not citing any authority for his action. He said there were some passages of the evidence submitted which was taken before the parliamentary committee, to show that there was conspiracy, while others showed there was no criminal action. The assizes commence on January 5th, and the defendants consider the time short in which to prepare their case. Connolly and McGreevy were admitted to bail on their own recognizance for $2000 each.

There has been considerable discussion of the statement made by Mr. Tarte to the effect that the Conservatives spent $500,000 in Quebec district to carry the general election in March, and that on the eve of election a contractor came to Quebec with $45,000 to carry the contest. All this was known to the Federal ministers from that province. These same ministers betrayed him in connection with the Langevin scandal. Next session, if returned for Montmorency, he will make this fully known.

The writ has been issued for Richelieu, vacant by Langevin resigning there and sitting for Three Rivers. The election takes place on the 24th January.

Four Conservative members were unseated by the courts yesterday—Stairs and Kenny of Halifax, Dickey of Cumberland, N.S., and Dupont, of Bagot, Quebec.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Nanon Played to a Good House by the Carleton Co.—Other Amusements.

The Carleton Opera Company played that exceedingly popular opera "Nanon, or the Hostess of the Golden Lion Inn," last evening to a house fairly well filled. It was an apathetic audience, though, some of the brightest parts having been allowed to pass almost unnoticed and many of the wittiest witticisms fell flat. This is in itself a serious discouragement to an actor, for an unsympathetic audience is worse than empty benches for appreciativeness. Still the fact does not reduce the value of the opera, which was very ably put on and capably played. Miss Clara Lane made a bewitching Nanon, and Miss Alice Vincent a very stately Ninon. The funniest character was Mr. Charles A. Bigelow in the role of the Marquis de Marsillac; Mr. Pletson was very good as D'Aubigne, and Mr. J. K. Murray made a capital Abbe. On the whole the presentation of Nanon, which, by the way, has been almost wholly rewritten, was very complete and enjoyable.

The company left on the City of Kingston for the Sound last evening.

LOYAL WAVERLEY LODGE CONCERT.

The Temperance Hall was not by any means crowded at the concert given by Loyal Waverley Lodge, but there was a comfortable little audience that went away perfectly satisfied with the enjoyable programme presented. Bro. J. S. Wade, D.D.G.M. for B.C., was in the chair, and after a few words regarding the history of Waverley Lodge, introduced the several ladies and gentlemen who assisted. Among those who made the best hits were Messrs. Floyd, Grant, Firth, Brown, Watson, Moir, and the Misses Johnson, Russell, Connan, and Mrs. Hall. Several of the duetts, quartetts and solos were very finely sang, and a pleasant evening was spent.

WHARF AND WAVE.

Jottings of Interest to Marine Men Concisely Compiled.

Steamship Empress of India is due from China on Tuesday.

Steamer Victorian arrived from the Sound as usual this morning, and will continue on her run.

The crew for the sealing schooner Maggie Mac, Capt. Dodds, signed articles this afternoon.

The steamer Delaware of Westminster is being thoroughly overhauled and painted for next season's work.

British ship Glenmorag, loading at Tacoma, was on Tuesday night blown from her moorings across to Brown's point.

Messrs. Davidge & Co. received a dispatch from Astoria to-day stating that the Upton line steamship Zambesi was still there, being unable to cross the bar.

A sectional bronze propeller is being cast at Tacoma for the steamer Victorian. Is is expected to prove cheaper in the long run, especially if the steamer continues as unlucky as she has been.

The Puget Sound Tugboat company's tug Pioneer is to be taken around from the Sound for service at the mouth of the Columbia river. The Union Pacific bar tugboat service is very unsatisfactory and the Pioneer will be run in opposition.

The steamer Walla Walla, which sails for San Francisco to-morrow, will be the last of the San Francisco mail steamers to sail on the five-day schedule until after the winter months. She will take very few passengers. The next steamer leaves here January 2nd.

The wreck of the tug Virgil Price, sunk by the steamer Olympian at Seattle, was raised late Monday night and beached for repairs. The bow of the vessel only is broken off. A new keel will be needed, but her afterworks and engines were not damaged to any great extent.

The Premier is tied up at Port Townsend with a broken propeller and in a very delapidated condition. She started from Whatcom last night and was struck by a terrific wind and rain storm, and for two hours was at the mercy of the elements, the propeller breaking early in the trip. The passengers were terror-stricken, and no one on board expected to see dry land again. The waves dashed in with such fury that the cabin floor was six inches deep in water at times.

Children almost invariably suffer from catarrh at this season. Do not neglect it until perhaps consumption is developed, but apply Nasal Balm at once. It never fails to cure.

A carload of handsome ladies' desks, cabinets, center tables, etc., just in, at Weiler Bros.

Boots and shoes at greatly reduced prices at Cavin Bros., Douglas St. tf

Shaving sets at Fox's.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Latest Happenings Reported by Mail and Wire From the East.

The weather throughout Ontario is mild and very unseasonable.

Abram Tyson, and old and respected citizen of Berlin, is dead, aged 72.

Col. Wylie, "Father of the Canadian Press," died at Brockville yesterday.

John Everts, an old and well known resident of Eramosa, near Everton, is dead.

The Civil Service Commission has commenced taking oral testimony at Ottawa.

The first mail steamer under the new arrangements leaves Liverpool on Thursday.

The little son of Samuel Baker, living near Tilbury Centre, was drowned in a well to-day.

John Lee, a man employed by the Toronto harbor commission, was drowned in the bay.

Mrs. Mary McIntyre, relict of Hugh McIntyre, one of the first settlers of Elgin, is dead, aged 70.

The census returns from Queen Charlotte Island, Metlakahtla, Port Simpson and west coast points have reached the Department.

John G. McClenann, 49 years old, farmer, of Oxford, Quebec, committed suicide by hanging. The verdict of the coroner's jury was suicide while temporarily insane.

No evidence being offered in support of the charges, the petition against the return of Hon. David Mills as member of Parliament for Bothwell, was dismissed with costs.

A proposal has been made for the reform of the Government superannuation scheme by making it more of an insurance fund for the officers' families than an old age pension.

Madame Jette, mother of Judge Jette, died at Montreal last Thursday at the age of 92, of la grippe. Lady Routh, sister of Cardinal Taschereau, died at Montreal the same day, aged 87.

It is reported that ex-mail clerks Catellier, Hollingsworth and Hayes, who were sentenced to Kingston penitentiary three years ago for stealing letters, have been pardoned. All belong to Ottawa.

The Hamilton members have submitted a proposal to the Government that Canadian made locks be used hereafter in the postoffice boxes in place of the Yale locks, contending that the Canadian article is equally as good.

A valuable train passed over the Canada Atlantic for Boston last Thursday, being the annual Christmas poultry train of twelve carloads, worth $26,000, and at the frontier the duty of nearly $9000 was paid.

An effort will be made by the Liberals to get Hon. Edward Blake to become a candidate for member of Parliament for Welland, the seat for which was rendered vacant by the unseating and disqualification of Mr. German.

The Dominion Government has decided to continue the system of immigration bonuses for next season at $10 per head of family, $5 for each member of the family over 12 on proof of settlement on land in Manitoba, the Territories or British Columbia.

The Board of Trade of St. John, N.B., will ask the Government to change the terms of the Atlantic service tenders so as to include St. John for three years in an alternate service, the steamers coming one trip to St. John and next to Halifax.

Mayor Clarke, of Toronto, has definitely announced that he will not be a candidate for a fifth term. This leaves the following named gentlemen in the field: Messrs. Edmund B. Osler, ex Alderman Robert Fleming and ex-Mayor James Beatty. The fight is expected to be the warmest in many years.

A Port Arthur item says: The street railway funds are running short, with the road still uncompleted. Mayor Ruttan proposes to increase the interest on the $75,000 bonds, expecting to raise $10,000 or $15,000 additional from this source, and to even things up as it were. The Legislature is to be asked to increase the territorial limits of this town by taking in some of the municipality of Shunia, as well as part of Fort William. There will be a vigorous kick made.

At the Toronto Assizes in 1875 Dr. Arthur Paul Davis and his young wife, Olive Davis, were put on trial for the murder of Jane Gilmour by procurement of abortion. The body of the girl was found on Aug. 1 of that year on the railway track near Bloor street in a box which was partly covered with earth. The chain of circumstantial evidence was complete and the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty," and the two prisoners were sentenced to be hanged on Dec. 8. Both sentences were afterwards commuted to imprisonment for life. Some years ago Mrs. Davis was liberated and the doctor got his freedom from Kingston penitentiary last week.

CAUGHT IN A STORM.

The "City of Puebla Shaken Up on the Way to 'Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The steamer City of Puebla, Capt. Debney, arrived from Victoria and Puget Sound ports this morning after a tempestuous voyage, during which she was nearly wrecked. The steamer sailed with 200 passengers, and the principal part of her cargo was a thousand tons of coal. When twelve miles this side of Cape Flattery she encountered a heavy southwest gale, and a heavy sea struck her. It was so large and came with such force that her cargo was shifted and her whole main deck was under water. The cargo having shifted to one side Capt. Debney could not put his steamer about, but kept her head to and let her drift back, finally managing to get the vessel into the Straits of Fuca. From 5:30 o'clock that night until next morning the steamer endured the fury of the gale, her cabins and firerooms being flooded. The firemen had to work in water up to their knees. The ship's butcher had his shoulder broken, and others were injured, but none seriously. On the way down the coast the Puebla experienced heavy seas and strong winds and came into port in a badly battered condition. "I have been to sea ever since I was 10 years old," said the chief steward, "but I never saw such a sea before. Why, we could not see five yards away from the ship. There was a wall of water on the sea side of us, and the spray was almost blinding. It blew a hurricane, and I came to the conclusion that our time had come. The passengers behaved well and not one made an outcry. Many of the women lost their clothing, but not one grumbled. I never want to be at sea in such another storm." The passengers were all loud in their praise of Captain Debney. They say that throughout the whole affair he was cool and self-possessed, and that no matter what he thought no one would ever have gathered from his manner that there was the slightest danger. When the vessel was on her beam ends and the waves were breaking over the hurricane deck there was not the slightest change in the tone or pitch of his voice as he issued his orders. The crew acted splendidly, and the cabin boys deserve a special word of praise.

THE PITT MEADOWS.

An Effort to Reclaim Them—What is Being Done at Present.

The B. C. Draining & Dyking Co. is the name of a Vancouver concern, which has for its object, primarily, the herculean task of draining and completely reclaiming the Pitt Meadows, a large area of low land which is submerged a portion of each year by the waters of the Pitt and Fraser rivers. The president of the company is Mayor Oppenheimer, and that enterprising gentleman in a conversation the other day with a World reporter, gave the following particulars of the present condition of the work:—

The company is now reclaiming section 1, or that tract of country lying between the North and South Lillooets, comprising about 14,000 acres. It was selected for treatment first because it presented the greatest difficulties, being intersected by over half a dozen large sloughs or creeks running into the land from the river. Some of these sloughs are 150 feet wide and will have to be severed from the river by double sheet piled embankments filled in with heavy subsoil. The upper part also presented serious difficulties by reason of the great depth of alluvial deposit, and the lowness of the level; but in a few weeks the entire area will be surrounded by a dyke and drain. The company was most fortunate in obtaining the services as general and assistant managers of Messrs. J. B. and J. W. Pike, two gentlemen whose experience in this class of work has been very comprehensive. The work comprises a cut round the entire area—over seven miles long, 32 feet wide on top, 27 feet wide on bottom and over six feet deep. The soil excavated will form a dyke on the outside 30 feet wide at base, seven feet high when settled, and sufficiently wide on top, when levelled, to form a good public highway. The sloughs will be cut and blocked, and at the lowest point flood gates and a permanent pump will draw off the surplus water during high water. The pump alone will remove 32,750 gallons of water per minute. The flood gates will pass a stream 6 feet deep and 12 feet wide for gravitation drainage at ordinary times, will be automatic in their action, and be built in concrete, for stability. Perfect drainage over the whole area will be secured by a system of internal drains communicating with the surrounding cut. It is fully expected that this section will be completed early in the spring. The company built a large dredger, hull 26x80 feet, fitted with 60 horse-power engines and capable of moving 1500 cubic yards per day of 11 hours, though in actual work this has been exceeded. The dredger has accommodation on board for 14 men. The fuel had to be carried by water, so two scows were built for that purpose and to transport heavy machinery. A pile-driving scow and machine of the most modern style, capable of driving 75 to 100 piles per day, is nearly completed and will be self-propelling by a separate pair of engines and stern wheel, similar to the Mississippi steamboats. The pumping engines, 40 horse power, are now being built.

The whole of the company's land consists of alluvial deposit, having an average depth of two feet with a marly clay sub-soil, and provides the finest class of land for any class of farming, fruit-growing or pasturing. Large herds of cattle now graze on these lands all winter, but these we hope to supersede by more profitable classes of farming.

The company has decided not to sell an inch of its lands to speculators, but to divide it up into small holdings of not more than 100 acres to any one settler and family, so as to ensure its entire cultivation. The terms of payment will be cash or on instalment plan, to suit the settlers.

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10:15 a.m.	Lv	24	Seattle	93	Lv	3:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m.	Lv	72	Pt. Townsend	35	Lv	11:45 p.m.
[illegible]	Ar	[illegible]	Victoria	[illegible]	Lv	[illegible] p.m.

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9:00 p.m.	Lv	24	Seattle	100	Lv	2:30 p.m.
12:15 a.m.	Lv	72	Pt. Townsend	52	Lv	11:30 a.m.
2:25 a.m.	Lv	105	Anacortes	20	Lv	9:15 a.m.
6:45 a.m.	Ar	121	Fairhaven	3	Lv	8:00 a.m.
6:10 a.m.	Ar	123	Sehome	1	Lv	7:30 a.m.
4:30 a.m.	Ar	124	Whatcom*	MI	Lv	6:00 a.m.

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" Nanaimo for Comox ...... Wednesday, 7 a.m.
" Comox for Nanaimo ...... Friday, 7 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Victoria ...... Saturday, 7 a.m.

For freight or passage apply on board. oc17

CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO.,

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TIME TABLE No. 15.

Taking effect Oct. 1, 1891.

Vancouver Route.

Victoria to Vancouver daily, except Monday, at 2 o'clock, a.m.

Vancouver to Victoria daily, except Monday, at 13 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island, Sunday at 23 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. (Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C. P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.)

For Plumper Pass Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby Island Friday at 7 o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria, Monday at 13 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass Saturday at 7 o'clock.

Fraser River Route.

Steamers leave New Westminster for Chilliwhack and Way Landings every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

Northern Route.

Steamships of this Co. will leave for Ft. Simpson and intermediate ports on the 1st and 15th of each month. When sufficient inducements offer will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

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Steamer Maude leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound ports on the 25th of each month.

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Tacoma-Victoria Route.—Steamer VICTORIAN.

†6:30 p.m.	Lv.	Tacoma	Ar.	†4:15 p.m.
8:15 p.m.	Ar.	Seattle	Lv.	2:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.	Lv.	Seattle	Ar.	1:40 p.m.
12:01 a.m.	Ar.	Port Townsend	Lv.	10:30 a.m.
12:30 a.m.	Lv.	Port Townsend	Ar.	10:15 a.m.
*3:30 a.m.	Ar.	Victoria	Lv.	†7:30 a.m.

*Daily, except Sunday. †Daily except Saturday. Victoria passengers may remain on board until 7 a.m.

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Office, No. 100 Government street. no21tf

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ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY.

TIME TABLE NO. 15.

To take effect at 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20th, 1891.

Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING SOUTH. READ UP.

STATIONS.	Miles from Wellington.	No. 1 Passenger Daily.	No. 3 Passenger Sat. and Sun.
VICTORIA	[illegible]	Ar. 12:24 P M	Ar. 5:58 P M
RUSSELL'S	[illegible]	12:20	[illegible]
ESQUIMALT	[illegible]	12:10	5:44
GOLDSTREAM	[illegible]	11:45 A M	5:19
SHAWNIGAN LAKE	[illegible]	10:50	[illegible]
COBBLE HILL	[illegible]	10:40	[illegible]
McPHERSON'S	[illegible]	10:27	4:14
KOKSILAH	[illegible]	10:17	[illegible]
DUNCAN'S	[illegible]	10:13	[illegible]
SOMENOS	[illegible]	10:07	3:44
CHEMAINUS	[illegible]	9:36	[illegible]
NANAIMO	[illegible]	De. 8:36	2:14
NANAIMO	[illegible]	Ar. 8:25	
WELLINGTON	[illegible]	De. 8:10	De. 1:58

GOING NORTH. READ DOWN.

STATIONS.	Miles from Victoria.	No. 2 Passenger Daily.	No. 4 Passenger Sat. and Sun.
VICTORIA	[illegible]	De. 8:00 A M	De. 2:30 P M
RUSSELL'S	[illegible]	8:04	2:34
ESQUIMALT	[illegible]	8:14	2:44
GOLDSTREAM	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SHAWNIGAN LAKE	[illegible]	9:34	[illegible]
COBBLE HILL	[illegible]	9:44	4:14
McPHERSON'S	[illegible]	9:57	[illegible]
KOKSILAH	[illegible]	10:07	[illegible]
DUNCAN'S	[illegible]	10:13	[illegible]
SOMENOS	[illegible]	10:22	[illegible]
CHEMAINUS	[illegible]	10:45	[illegible]
NANAIMO	[illegible]	Ar. 11:50	6:14
NANAIMO	[illegible]	De. 11:56	
WELLINGTON	[illegible]	Ar. 12:14 P M	Ar. [illegible]

ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

Return Tickets will be issued between all points for a single fare, good for return not later than Monday.

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NOTES FROM DUNCAN'S.

Signs of General Prosperity—A Premature Incorporation Project

DUNCAN'S, Dec. 22.—The general health of the inhabitants is good, and real estate is on the up-hill grade. The largest sale of late is the property of Mr. Jas. Kier, of Somenos. The price is no doubt the largest paid for any farm in Cowichan up to date, so Jim, who is a good old pioneer, can rest on his oars the remainder of his days.

About a week ago we had a public meeting in the Agricultural Hall, Duncan's, to take steps to have the town incorporated under the city incorporation act. We found we were a little too fast, because we hadn't the population. But we are gaining all the time, some coming by night and some by day. The latest arrivals are a young butcher and a young sawyer, who appeared upon this stage of action a few days ago. They will be registered, I have no doubt, but not as voters for some time to come.

I must tell you a little about our public schools. The new schoolhouse built by the Government this summer was completed about two months ago. It is built on rising ground, having a commanding view over the town below. It is a good substantial structure, and no doubt will be commodious enough for some time to come. On Friday of last week the first examination took place in the new building, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion under the supervision of Miss Haldon, the teacher. Among those present were the trustees, Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Whidden, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Weismillar and others. The children, about twenty-three in number, acquitted themselves very creditably. The first part of the term Mr. R. J. Hawley had charge of the school, and lately the present teacher, who is a great favorite with both children and parents. The exercises were brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen." Miss Haldon spends the Christmas with her parents in Victoria District, all here wishing her a safe journey and a speedy return.

Our new court house, which was also completed this fall, is a very fine two story building, and although we are all proud of it we would not like to partake of its hospitalities. Mr. G. Kier and Mr. Mainguy run free coaches to and from the "hotel." H. O. Wellburn is general manager. Occasionally we have distinguished arrivals in money matters, then we have to send for County Court Judge Harrison of Nanaimo to entertain them.

The dances in the district are getting nearly as numerous as days in the week, but I think Satlilam school dance takes the lead. About every two weeks there is a stampede of young folks for Satlilam. Somenos had its annual social and dance on Friday, Dec. 18. On Tuesday, the 15th, a social was held for the young folks at the Methodist parsonage, Maple Bay.

A licensing court was held here on the 19th, and a license was granted the Maple Bay Hotel after a closely contested for and against campaign.

I believe the railroad and wagon road bridges across the Cowichan River here are standing the freshets well so far.

PIONEER.

STRADIVARIOUS VIOLINS.

Interesting Description of These World Renowned Instruments.

This talented artist was born at Cremona 1644 and died 1737. He seems to have commenced violin making at the early age of 23; his last instrument having been made when he was at the advanced age of 92. The period in which he seems to have made his best violins appears to be between the years of 1700 and 1730, after which time his instruments seemed to deteriorate. His finest instruments may be said to excel in the following qualities: Free power, brilliance, roundness of tone, mellowness, delicacy and penetration.

It is related by Foster that he sent a number of his instruments to a countryman of his named Corretto, who was a merchant in London, to be sold for the equivalent of £4 each, but the merchant failing to realize that price returned them to their owner.

Stradivarius was a pupil of Nicholas Amati, and worked at the bench of that artist till 1668, during which time he made his violins after the model of his master, viz., a high model, and with the same golden varnish which is so characteristic in the Amaties. Into these he placed the Nicholas Amati labels. After leaving the shop of Nicholas Amati he gradually diverts from the pattern of that artist and makes his violins flatter, paying more attention to the improvement of the (*f*) holes and varnish.

There have been over a thousand instruments accredited to Stradivarius. It is reported the highest prices paid in Europe for these instruments were as follows: In England, £800; in Scotland, £550. Of course this was about six to seven years ago, and prices have advanced since. I have been told and also heard of over £1000 being paid for one, but it was not authenticated. Five hundred and forty pounds were paid by Wm. Croall, Esq., of Edinburgh, Scotland, and we learn from Mr. Gardiner's "Music and Friends" that Mr. Salomon, the Hebrew, offered 800 guineas to Dragonetti for one of his double basses by Gaspar de Salo, of Brescia.

Wm. Croall, Esq., Edinburgh, has a well known instrument by this artist dated 1716, which formerly belonged to Comte de Cessol, and is known as the "Cessol" or "Artot" Strad. It has a superb tone, is in perfect preservation, and covered with Strad's fine red varnish. This is one of the six instruments mentioned by Felis as the finest known. This gentleman also possesses another instrument by this artist, dated 1702. It is of glorious workmanship and covered with a suberb amber brown varnish. Both these instruments formerly belonged to Mr. Laurie, of Glasgow.

Another one belongs to Robert Butler Malcolm, Esq., of Edinburgh, dated 1707, and formerly belonged to Count Castelbarco, of Milan, and was esteemed in all respects the best violin in his famous collection. It was also for some time the property of the late Nathanier Vinllaume, Brussels, and also of Mr. Laurie, of Glasgow. One belongs to J. J. Murray, Esq., Gaisshiels, 1688; two to William J. Laidlay, Esq., Sea Cliff, North Berwick, 1684 and 17.2; one to James Cook, Esq., Glasgow, 1721; one to David Laurie, Esq., Glasgow, 1708, and one to Mr. Archar. Mr. Muir, of Leith, has a violin by this artist which formerly belonged to the great violinist Viotti, and it contains the following inscription:

"Antonius Stradivarius,
Cremonensis Faciebat, 1704."

Another one is in the possession of Sir James Clarke, of Penicluf. Sir A. M. Mackenzie, of Delvin, Perthshire, has one which he purchased in Paris for £300. Mr. Robertson, of Ladykirk, also possesses one of the long pattern. John Ure, Esq., Helensburg, has one dated 1725.

Among the leading violinists that possess and play on Strads may be mentioned as follows: Wilhelmj, J. Strauss, the late Wiemawski, Mme. Norman Neruda, (one that formerly belonged to the celebrated Virtuoso Henri Ernst, and from the Godings collection) Joseph Joachim, and last but not least the great Publo de Sarasate, who, when at San Francisco during his tour of the United States, showed me his two Strads at the Palace Hotel, which being only about a year ago, I will endavor to describe. In appearance they are smaller than the violins of the present day; in fact, like most old Cremona violins, they have but a 12½ inch stop, while the violins of the present day are 13. The neck also is much smaller round and deeper, being like the half of an oval instead of half of a circle, like the present ones. The make of the scroll, etc., is too exquisite to be described; in fact, on comparing them with an average instrument of the present day the latter would appear to have been thrown together by an amateur bodger. The varnish also deserves mention, as very few know that it plays an important part in the tone of the instrument.

When taking up the instrument to examine the varnish, it is like looking through a thin sheet of colored brown-amber glass, it is so clear; and another peculiarity about the old varnishes is, viz., the more you wear the instrument the more it seems to imbed itself in the wood; in fact it seems part of the violin, and does not, like the present varnishes, flake off.

Sarasate, in speaking of one of his instruments, said that it had not been in use before he had it, as it was presented by Stradivarius to the exhibition in Madrid, where it remained until the Queen Regent presented it to him.

Stradivarius' first instruments were of the high model (as before mentioned) and were called Stradivarius-Amatis, 1686-96. Then came the ones known as the long Strad and then the grand pattern, which he commenced to make about the year 1700.

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Will Run the Fake.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 23.—The government has granted an exclusive privilege for the period of 10 years to Filbert P. Cotton and Dr. B. Fritzgartner, as representatives of the Louisiana Lottery Company, of New Orleans, to operate a lottery in this republic, certain royalties being assured to the government, to be used in support of charitable institutions. Cotton is a captain in the United States army and is now acting as the World's Fair commissioner to the republics of Guatemala, San Salvador Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Fritzgartner edits the Honduras Progress in this city, and was recently appointed to take charge of the Honduras exhibit at Chicago.

So many have been cured of rheumatism by Hood's Sarsaparilla that we urge all who suffer from the disease to try this medicine.

GATHERED AT COURT.

THERE is a fine of five hundred dollars for practicing hypnotism in Cincinnati.

THE new postal law makes it larceny to take a paper and refuse to pay for it.

A MINNEAPOLIS lawyer entered a demurrer to an indictment against a prisoner, charged with having shot several fine hogs belonging to a neighbor, on the ground that the shooting of the animals increased their value, as it saved the owner the expense of killing them.

ELIJAH HAVENS, a prominent citizen of Windsor, Conn., had one side of his face shaved when he called the barber a fool, and the tonsorial virtuoso compelled him to go home with the wind blowing fifty per cent. A local justice has fined the barber two dollars for breach of contract.

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THE QUEBEC SITUATION.

A most remarkable feature of the present political situation in Quebec Province is the importance of the constitutional questions involved. First Governor Angers dismissed his ministerial advisers, thus exercising a prerogative which good authorities hold to be plainly conferred on him by the constitution, but which his own political friends and he himself denied to Governor Letellier. Some foolish Tory papers attempt to show that there is not a parallel between the two cases, but the wiser ones see the hopelessness of such an effort and quietly ignore the awkward precedent set by the Tory Government and Parliament in their action regarding Letellier. They could do nothing else without appearing entirely foolish, unless they followed the Ottawa Citizen's example and condemned Governor Angers' action. At all events the Governor has taken his stand, and now the question of constitutional rights has to be fought out at the polls in Quebec, and perhaps later on it will make its appearance in the Parliament at Ottawa.

Mr. Angers' action in dissolving the House of Assembly raises another important question. Clause 86 of the British North America Act reads as follows:

There shall be a session of the Legislature of Ontario and of that of Quebec once at least in every year, so that twelve months shall not intervene between the last sitting of the Legislature in each Province in one session and its first sitting in the next session.

The last sitting of the last session of the Quebec Legislature was held on the 30th December, 1890, so that to comply with the clause above quoted a new session should commence on the 29th of this month. But Lieut.-Governor Angers has dissolved the old House, and now the clause cannot possibly be complied with. This is, to say the least, a startling innovation, for heretofore it has been held without an apparent exception that the rule prescribed by clause 85 must be religiously observed, both in the Provincial and Dominion Legislatures. The Governor would not break through the rule without well considering the possible results, and his action is again upheld by good constitutional authorities, nevertheless ordinary people may well be somewhat astonished at this cavalier manner of ignoring so plainly expressed a provision of the Confederation Act. Dr. Bourinot, we are told, argues that sections 85 and 86 must be considered together, and that the annual meeting of the Legislature is subject to the power of dissolution. Section 85 reads:

Every Legislative Assembly of Ontario and every Legislative Assembly of Quebec shall continue for four years from the day of the return of the writs for choosing the same (subject, nevertheless, to either the Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Legislative Assembly of Quebec being dissolved by the Lieut.-Governor of the Province), and no longer.

Just how this section justifies the breaking of section 86 is not plainly apparent, especially when this course was not necessary. The Quebec Legislature could have been called to meet on December 29, thus fulfilling the requirements of section 86, and the Assembly could have been dissolved immediately thereafter. However, the B. N. A. Act does not prescribe any pains or penalties for the violation of the clause, and what the consequences of the Governor's action may be is for the future to decide.

Lieut.-Governor Angers' motives for the extreme use of his prerogatives are easily understood. By ousting Mercier and putting in a new ministry he makes possible further revelations of the doings of the ex-Premier and his colleagues. Already, as shown in our dispatches, the new treasurer announces that he has discovered further evidence of crookedness under the old regime. The deficit in the provincial budget is increased by the sum of $1,500,000, part of which seems to have gone in the shape of illegitimate profits to Philip Vallieres, who so kindly acted as an endorser for Pacaud's and Mercier's notes. It is quite likely that other similar discoveries will be made, or that in default of *bona fide* discoveries bogus ones will be announced, for there is no good reason to believe that the new Ministers will confine themselves strictly to the truth if they can make a point against Mercier by a little judicious exaggeration. Whether they can make out so bad a case against the ex-Premier that the electors will punish him at the polls cannot well be foretold at present. It must be remembered that the French-Canadians have been so long schooled in corruption that their moral sensibilities are not easily shocked in political matters. Chapleau is quite as corrupt as Mercier, and perhaps more so, yet he is the strongest Bleu politician in the Dominion Parliament. Mercier has also the weighty advantage of posing before the electors as a victim of tyranny, and an appeal on this ground has peculiar force among the mercurial French-Canadians, who are quite likely to ignore the ex-Premier's record and regard him as a martyr to Ottawa intrigues.

Whatever the result of the struggle may be, Quebec's position will be bad. With an enormous debt, an annual deficit and consequently impared credit, the finances of the Province are in a well-nigh hopeless state. The bulk of the people are poor, the habitants are hit hard by the McKinley tariff, and in every way have a poor prospect of pulling themselves out of the hole. All the politicians have been in the habit of encouraging the idea that aid will be some day secured from the Dominion treasury, an idea which does not find acceptance elsewhere. It may well be asked what is to be become of Quebec, a question which more closely concerns the rest of the Dominion than a good many people have imagined.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The way in which Dominion Government officials are utilised by the Government at election times is well illustrated by the evidence of Mr. J. J. Cosgrove of Toronto in the South Victoria election trial, from which the following is an extract:

Mr. Cosgrove said he was in the riding at the December and the March elections. He had no vote and was not a public speaker, but came to assist the Conservative candidate. He was sent by Mr. Birmingham in March.

Mr. Blake—And who sent you in December?

Mr. Cosgrove—Mr. Costigan.

Mr. Blake—Mr. Costigan? Who is he?

Mr. Cosgrove—The Minister of Inland Revenue.

Mr. Blake—How did he come to send you?

Mr. Cosgrove—Well, I am deputy collector of inland revenue.

Mr. Blake—Oh! Then he is your superior officer?

Mr. Cosgrove—Yes sir.

Mr. Blake—Well, what did you do?

Mr. Cosgrove—I didn't do any speaking. My business was to go round and see people.

At the last and several previous general elections there were too many employees of the Dominion Government going round and "seeing people."

COLONIST AND MR. HUNTER.

TO THE EDITOR.—The moral and highly sensitive editor of the Colonist has thought it his duty to devote a considerable amount of space in yesterday's issue to drag Mr. Hunter through the mud for his utterances on Saturday night with reference to dancing. The editor seems quite ignorant of what actually took place on Saturday night, and shirks the main contentions of Mr. Hunter altogether. He simply sinks into what he has so frequently accused the TIMES of sinking into, vulgar abuse. In the first place Mr. Hunter said that dancing was not an evil. In the second place Mr. Hunter did not say that no Christian woman dances. What he said was that the mode of dancing indulged in to-day was an evil, and that no Christian woman who considered the evils of dancing and the welfare of her own home and children would dance. And why? He most conclusively showed that in the days of the Bible the men danced with men and women with women, and what is more, that even the heathens when they danced, danced in the same way. Mr. Hunter nor any other Christian has any objection to the parlor dance on these lines. We know that many Christian women do dance, but if we can establish facts that will prove that dancing is an evil we are quite sure that no Christian woman who has the welfare of her own home and children at heart and who desires her influence for good to to be the one great aim of her life, will dance in the future. How are we to establish these facts? By our knowledge of the dance and of the life in this very city. Mr. Hunter's arguments, thank God, were not cloaked so that they could be misunderstood but were in straightforward and plain language, and the worthy editor could not very easily misunderstand them, so he therefore left them out altogether. What were those arguments? 1st. That in the public ball were to be found scores of depraved and impure men who under the pretence of the dance could encircle the waists of the pure women present—men, who had probably spent the previous hours in places that shall be nameless; men who had the outward appearance of gentlemen and who belong to good families, but whose inner life was the life of a brute. I emphatically say that this is the case at any ball almost in this very city, and the editor himself, unless he is buried in his own office continually, is just as much aware of it as I am. He may say, "but this is not the parlor dance." It is only a question of degree. Those men are found in the parlor dance only in a smaller degree, and it is impossible for a hostess to leave them out. She has no distinct knowledge of their lives—God forbid that she should have—and as they are very often the sons of good parents or men of good business standing it is impossible for her to refuse to ask them to the house or to give them a dance, and perhaps the first intimation she has of their real characters is when her daughter has been ruined by them. These were Mr. Hunter's arguments and they are true. No woman has the right to put such a temptation in the way of her daughter or to submit her to such an influence. Perhaps the "Advertising Evangelist," who has done more good in four weeks by honest, straightforward reasoning and argument than the editor has done in his whole life or ever will do, has put his foot on a custom indulged in by the gentlemen of the Colonist and who is not willing to give it up. I should not be surprised if he did not occasionally indulge in a parlor dance at home. Why, sir, does he attack two men when he knows they are advertised to leave the city the very morning his article appears when he could have published it yesterday? It is a cowardly and unmanly thing to do, especially when he is ignorant of the actual facts. When he is half as good in character, in aims and morals as this minister he attacks, he may consider that the acme of his existence has been reached.

FAIR PLAY.

AN OKANAGAN FARMER SPEAKS.

TO THE EDITOR:—Do you know, and could you inform us through your newspaper, if the immaculate and innocent Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Hon. Forbes George Vernon, when on his late visit to Okanagan to transfer his accumulated thousands acres to Lord Aberdeen, and when said so much to admire and approve, took any note of the ruined and impassable condition of the Sicomous-Enderby wagon road. This wagon road, should be remembered, within the past few years, has cost the Provincial Government upwards of $40,000 in construction and repairs, and is now a dangerous cattle trap impassable to travel. Surely, with settlers occupying, clearing and cultivating the lands all along the line of the old road, it is not to be abandoned or left in its present dangerous condition. Only a few days since, the packer, Laform, from Revelstoke, driving his stock to Enderby to winter, had three of his animals trapped and killed on the line. In the construction of the Shuswap & Okanagan Railway, which our Provincial Government so generously subsidizes, portions of the wagon road have been wholly occupied by the railway line; other parts of it have been crossed, intersected, cut up and dug away so that not a trace of the old wagon road remains in many places.

The completion of the S. & O. Railway does not obviate or lessen the need of a wagon road here, for public convenience and general use of the settlers in the neighborhood, and for packers, cattle drovers and horsemen traveling. In fact the wagon road is now needed more than ever before, and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, if he does his duty to the public, should require this wagon road to be put in a passable condition. It is said that Mr. Lumby is preparing a petition for circulation and signatures to bring this matter to the notice of the government, and this cannot be done too soon. The railway company should have no cause to complain of this. They have had the benefit and use of a good wagon road during construction of their line, saving thousands of dollars to them. So now, when the line is completed the contractors doubtless will be folding their tents and passing away from the province with the profits of their fat job and beyond the jurisdiction of our laws, and the Chief Commissioner should act in the matter at once.

Already, of late years, the wasteful squandering of the public funds by the Smythe and Robson Governments, has cost this province hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars for questionable and useless public works, and other improper expenditures. The $300,000 Eagle Pass wagon road (that is 60,000 acres of land at $5 per acre, equal to $300,000) was built, and no one can tell yet what it was built for. Fifty thousand dollars or more squandered upon the Cherry Creek wagon road and branches, passing Vernon's home farm, improving the value of his estates and built right up to his yet unprospected quartz ledge on the very summit of the Cherry Creek mountain. One hundred thousand dollars or more, first and last, expended in wages and unprofitable concentrators to work the ores of undiscovered ledges in Cariboo, or otherwise, as the Duke of York puts it, to keep voters right side up. Twelve or fifteen thousand dollars sunk in boring for water upon the property of that chivalrous and independent member for Yale, C. B. Martin, etc., etc.

These mementoes of the reckless and unprincipled governments of Smythe, Robson & Co., are paralleled, perhaps surpassed, by the shameful misappropriation of the public funds to purchase seed grain for the wealthy settlers of the Nicola valley not long ago, not one of whom was destitute or in need of eleemosynary or Government aid.

If these facts are not a case for the enquiry of a Royal Commission, they are certainly items for the consideration and recollection of electors.

ONE OF THE VALLEY FARMERS.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.
Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE CITY AND DISTRICT

Use "Highland Brand" Evaporated Cream.

The Same to You, Mr. Salmon.

Mr. Maurice Salmon has not forgotten his usual Christmas present to the press. They were first-rate cigars, and the big one will be smoked in state.

All kinds of cutlery at Fox's, 78 Government street.

Rain at Tacoma.

Dr. Culver, the government weather observer at Tacoma, says that the rainfall so far this year has been greater than since 1861. The total rainfall for the year is 51.29 inches, against 35.37 inches last year.

Be in Time.

Call in at the "Lansdowne House" before 9 p.m. and select a present for your best girl. Umbrellas, fur collars, gloves, lace handkerchiefs, all the best makes and away down in price. J. Partridge.

Geo. A. Shade

Has removed to 81½ Yates street, opposite the Clarence hotel where he is prepared to make and repair boots and shoes at short notice. All kinds of rubber goods repaired. Satisfaction guaranteed or no charge. 1m

Gibbons Got Three Months.

The pigeon stealing crowd was up in the police court this morning, and the result was that young Gibbons got three months. He will enjoy the hospitality of Warden John to-morrow. The other boys were dismissed, and a couple of drunks paid the penalty.

Silverware Xmas presents at 45 Johnson St.

The Best Collection.

Mrs. J. Harrison Brownlee has received a diploma from the Toronto exhibition for the best collection of preserved fruit and vegetables, as well as the best collection shown by any one lady at the exhibition. The diploma is a very elaborate affair.

Send In Your Bills.

City Treasurer Kent asks that all creditors of the city send in their bills on or before the 30th of December. The last meeting of the Board of Aldermen for this year will be held on the evening of that day, and it is necessary that all accounts should be in and passed so that a clean sheet for 1892 can be started.

Townsend is Mayor.

An order was given by Judge Bole early in the week to recount the mayoralty vote of New Westminster, in answer to a petition of James Cunningham. On the recount being made no change in the first result was found and Mr. Townsend has been declared elected mayor of the Royal City for the ensuing year.

For James Bay Ward.

Mr. John Hall, of James Bay, has acceded to the wish of a large number of ratepayers of that district to submit himself as a candidate for municipal honors in James Bay ward. Mr. Hall's first connection with Victoria dates from 1859, and now all his interests are centered in this city, in whose future he has unlimited confidence.

A Splendid Stock.

Messrs. Jackson & Mylius' store on Government street is not large, but it contains a big stock of jewelry of every description. The firm have a nicely arranged store and many pretty articles. They have on view several very handsome oxidized lamp stands and are not behind in their stock of watches. They keep the latest improved repeating and split second chronographs and many other things suitable for Christmas.

The Decision Private.

In answer to a special notice a large number of the members of Victoria Lodge, No. 10, and Vancouver Lodge, No. 77, A.O.U.W., attended a meeting of Victoria Lodge last evening to consider the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge jurisdiction of British Columbia. The proceedings were private and lodge orders were to keep the decision of the meeting private.

A Gallant Engineer.

A young lady of a very respectable family of Vancouver was set upon by two ruffians of that city on Tuesday night, and but for the prompt and brave action of Mr. William Evans, engineer of the steamer Lois, might have been badly dealt with. The lady was just being overpowered by the two wretches, when her screams attracted Mr. Evans, who rescued her from the clutches of the miscreants after a brisk fight.

A Pretty Wedding.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mrs. Marks, 121 Toronto street, last evening, the contracting parties being Mr. A. Gallagher, of Portland, and Miss Clara Geisselman, daughter of the late Charles Geisselman. Miss Josephine Geisselman supported her sister the bride, and Mr. W. J. Cullum acted as groomsman. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher left for the south by the City of Kingston last evening.

A Splendid Chance

To make bargains at Lange & Co.'s, as they wish to retire from business as soon as possible. They offer their fine stock of diamonds and other first-class jewelry at cost. All work done and goods sold will be guaranteed as usual. As the members of the firm will remain in Victoria, the public can feel secure in purchasing from them. 93 Government street. They have on hand the choicest stock of jewelry, diamonds, watches and clocks, etc., to be seen in Victoria.

I'll See You There

After I get the children a few little presents at Partridge's Lansdowne House, Yates street. He keeps open until 9 p.m. this week.

Christmas Tree Entertainments.

The scholars of the Gorge Road Methodist Church held their annual Christmas tree entertainment last evening. The evening's fun commenced with a stereopticon exhibition by Superintendent Shakespeare, after which Santa Claus appeared and distributed presents among the scholars. The children, teachers and parents spent a very pleasant evening.

The residents of Cedar Hill and the pupils of the Pandora Street Methodist Church will hold their Christmas entertainments this evening.

Undyed Wool Flannel and Health Underwear

Our third year with these popular goods. Wm. Wilson & Co.

Carving sets at Fox's.

Have Arrived.

The turkeys have arrived. If you want a choice bird for Christmas call early at B. Gordon's.

Nearly All Sold.

Those wanting a barrel of choice eastern apples should call early as their are only a few left. B. Gordon.

Table mats at Fox's.

Carmichael & Paterson

Have a beautiful assortment of gents, plush and fancy slippers, which they are selling cheap. See these goods. 35 Johnson street. tf

Real English Mistletoe.

Mr. Jas. Moss, the well known florist, has this year received some splendid, genuine English mistletoe. His stock is limited, and those who desire to obtain any should call at once at 31 Rae street.

Santa Claus-Kerr & Begg.

We just long for the meeting, to smile you our greeting,
We're across from the Bank of B.C.
Take warning we're cheapest, and its where the rich heap is
Of presents to hang on the tree.

Will Wed Next Week.

One of the most popular police officers in the provincial force is to soon become a member of the universal order of married folks. The force will not be robbed of a member by this action, however.

Tynesiders' Banquet.

The second annual dinner of the Tynesiders residing in the city will be held in the Poodle Dog restaurant this evening at 8 p.m. The first annual dinner, held last year, was a most enjoyable one, a large number being present.

Get Your Carpets Cleaned.

All kinds of carpets cleaned and made to look like new, with our new renovating process. Rugs cleaned. Victoria Carpet Cleaning Works, office 102 Douglas street, Pierre block, works corner Pembroke and Quadra. F. L. Nelson, prop.

Linen Crumb cloths at Weiler Bros

Just So.

18 pounds sugar, 10 pounds currants, 10 pounds raisins, 3 pounds mixed peel, 10 pounds dried apples, 8 pounds prunes, 10 pounds figs, Cal., 7 jam or jelly or four 3 pound tins of peaches for $1. Choice eastern breakfast bacon or ham at 16c per pound at Wm. Eckert's, 106 Yates street.

Christmas Presents.

J. Hoffman, 111 Government street, is making a specialty of Christmas and New Year's presents, and, as he is a most successful dealer in bankrupt stocks, he is offering choice goods at figures not to be touched elsewhere. He is showing jewelry, watches and diamonds, at about half the original cost, and every purchaser of $1 worth of goods has a chance of winning a lady's gold watch, the contest for which closes on Dec. 30th. The variety of Christmas presents shown is as great as the low figures are surprising. Give him a call. de22

Declines the Honor.

It having been reported that Mr. D. R. Ker was a probable candidate for a seat at the aldermanic board during 1892, a TIMES reporter to-day asked that gentleman as to the facts. Mr. Ker states that he has been asked to allow his name to be placed in the lists as a candidate, but he shall decline the honor. His reasons are briefly put—a press of other business which forbids his giving proper attention to the place being the chiefest, but he also is of the opinion that those gentlemen who have lately been making so much trouble in municipal matters should be the ones to assume command, when it can be seen if any better work can be done.

St. Luke's, Cedar Hill.

At Cedar Hill as usual the work of decoration has been successfully carried on since Monday. This neat church has always received due attention and generally claims the first place for neatness and taste in decoration. This year the choir has made rapid progress, and commencing to-morrow the services shall for the future be choral. The Sunday school treat and distribution of prizes will take place on New Year's Eve, when all friends, parents and pupils gather to see the Xmas tree relieved of its burden. With the present incumbent, Rev. Mr. Browne, commenced the annual watch night service, and this year there are other circumstances to render the midnight service unusually attractive. The service shall commence immediately after the Sunday school treat and terminate at 12:15 of New Year's day. On Xmas there shall be the usual morning service at Cedar Hill and in the afternoon at Lake church.

The C. P. R. Assessment.

Judge Harrison sat as judge of the Revision Court at Vancouver, on Tuesday, on the appeal of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company against its assessment on all its real and personal property in the Province. Mr. Cornelius Booth, the assessor for Victoria, appeared for the Government and Mr. Drake for the company. The company's personal property had been assessed for $700,000, and this was allowed to stand, as the company's estimate was $702,880. The company's real property was assessed at $3,800,000, which it was sought to reduce by about 25 per cent. Evidence was taken from Mr. J. D. Townley, Mr. H. J. Cambie and Mr. Jas. Wilson, as to the extent and value of the lands and telegraph lines. His Honor reduced the assessment to the following figures: Lands, $36,500; buildings, $180,000; telegraph lines, 947,975; rails, equipments, etc., $2,977,000, making a total of $3,947,475.

Curling tongs and heaters at Fox's.

To Builders.

45 Johnson street is the place to buy your hardware.

Have you seen him?
Who?
Santa Claus.
Where?
At Dixi H. Ross & Co.

Yarmouth bloaters at 33 Fort street.

TO-MORROW'S SERVICES.

Christmas Will be Duly Honored by the Various Denominations To-Morrow.

Christmas Day, commemorating the actual birth of Christianity, will be observed with due ceremony and rejoicing in the various city churches to-morrow morning. At Christ Church Cathedral there will be the usual special services at 11 o'clock. The building has been decorated appropriately to the occasion with evergreens and the mottoes which bring to mind the great event which took place 1891 years ago. The choral portion of the service will be particularly attractive. Mr. Herbert Kent, the leader, and his choir have been very industrious for the last month or more, and a number of pretty carols is the result. Following is the order of service:

Processional Hymn, Sing. Hark the Herald Angels
Venite ..... Dr. Crotch
Special Psalms, 19th, 45th, 85th
Te Deum ..... Dykes
Jubilate ..... Rev. Troutbeck
Anthem, with soprano solo, Glory to God in the Highest ..... Cooke
Hymn, While Shepherds Watched
Hymn, O Come All Ye Faithful.
Kyrie ..... Chipp

St. John's will also celebrate Christmas with its usual cheerfulness. The church looks quite cosy in its tasteful adornments, and will seem far more so to-morrow when filled with worshippers of Him whose nativity is being brought so prominently forward at this season. The pretty little church of St. Saviour's, Victoria West has been suitably prepared for to-morrow's rejoicings. There will be service with Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and special church service at 11 with sermon by the incumbent, Rev. W. D. Barber, who will preach from the words: His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God and Prince of Peace.

St. Barnabas, at the corner of Cook street, will be as attractive as any other place of worship. It has been prettily decorated, and the choir is in splendid form for the special service that is to be sung at 11 o'clock devotions.

It was expected by the majority of the Roman Catholic congregation last Christmas that the present would witness the consecration of the new cathedral. This hope, however, has not been realized; but the old church has been suitably prepared. The "crib" is the chief feature, and is very interesting. The services to-morrow will be as usual, with a special mass which has been under practice by the choir for some time past.

There will be the usual services, with appropriate sermons, in the various other churches in the morning.

Don't Procrastinate.

Never put off till to-morrow that which you can do better to-day, and if you postpone purchasing your Christmas presents at Davidson Bros., till the last moment, you cannot expect in the rush to receive the same care and attention as when the clerks have more time. Davidson Bro's. store, in the Five Sister's block is the most elegantly appointed and stocked in the city. Their richly dressed windows are the subject of general admiration from passers by. Solid gold watches, brooches and other choice articles of of jewelry present a tempting display in one window, while in another a handsome antique silver set and other similar articles form a nice contrast to the richer exhibit in the opposite window. Inside the store are hosts of articles suitable for presents, the prices capable of meeting the largest and slenderest purse. One of the chief attractions is a splendid music box, which is in itself a whole orchestra. Go and hear it.

A Needy Old Man.

An old chap named Fred. Rogerson, known as "Peg Leg," is in a bad way. The old fellow served 14 years in the army, and is deserving of charity, but there seems to be no room for him at the Old Folks' Home. He goes to the police cells every night for a lodging, but his clothes are very old and thin, and if any one benevolently inclined would leave some cast-off clothing at the police barracks for the old fellow it would be appreciated. The constables do all they can, but their small salaries will not permit them to clothe the old chap. He only has one shirt, and the rest of his wardrobe is very scanty. The old fellow is a bit off his head and does not make his proper needs known in the proper quarter, or no doubt he would be aided.

The First Opened.

The old veteran fish and game dealer, Geo. Vienna, has had the honor of being the first to open his stall for business in the public market. His place looks well, is light and airy, and is stocked with all sorts of delicacies such as are suitable at this season. Products of the water, earth and air are there in plenty, and of the best quality. Four other stalls are being fitted up and will be ready in a day or two.

Sentimentality and Substantiality.

All this sentiment about a happy Christmas is very fine, but unless it is backed up by other and more substantial good things, it falls very flat. Now in order to fully realize the spirit of the season's wishes you should go to Henry Saunders for all your Christmas supplies. He will furnish the substantiality and even the sentimentality, for a happy Christmas. Call and see his superb stock at 69 and 41 Johnson street.

Oranges, Oranges.

The first carload of Riverside seedlings and Washington navels of the celebrated Griffin, Skelley Co. brand, arrived this evening on the Kingston for Lowe & Allice, 75 Wharf street. They are fully ripe, well colored, and prices reasonable, and are finding a ready sale.

Burglaries Stopped.

Since the arrest by the city police of the two Chinamen charged with burglary no complaints of housebreaking have been made. This fact makes it pretty evident to the police that the right parties have been sent up for trial. Householders and storekeepers also feel safer.

Harman-France.

Last evening St. James church was the scene of a quiet but happy ceremony, when Mr. Arthur H. Harman, of this city, was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Rose E. France, who lately arrived from England for this especial purpose. The Ven. Archdeacon Scriven officiated. The groom was supported by Mr. A. S. Innes, with Miss Berridge as bridesmaid. The bride was given away by Mr. George Berridge, to whose house the happy party repaired where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Parcels by Post.

Some enquiry has been made as to the legality of sending dutiable parcels by mail. One of the rules of the postal union is that no dutiable articles shall be sent by mail, but at this season of the year little keepsakes in the way of handkerchiefs, gloves, ties, etc., are often sent by people here to friends in other countries. The question has arisen as to what procedure is necessary in order to ensure the safe delivery of such articles. For the information of those interested it can be said that such articles sent from here are on arrival at the first port of entry in the country they are directed to, detained and examined, and the parties to whom the parcel is addressed are notified.

Borne to the Grave.

The remains of Americo Bossi, who died in California, were interred at Ross Bay cemetery this afternoon. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place at 2 o'clock from the residence of the deceased, Johnson street, religious services being conducted in the house by Rev. Mr. McLeod. The pallbearers were John Moore, Frank Campbell, Sam Kelly, jr., George Stelly jr., H. Becker and Geo. Cicero.

Grand President for British Columbia.

Rev. Father Van Nevel has been appointed D. D. Grand President of the Y.M.I. for British Columbia, vice Mr. T. Deasy resigned. The presidential duties could not be attended to by Mr. Deasy, who in his line of duty is kept close to Victoria, and he in consequence had to tender his resignation. Father VanNevel's first official act will be to organize a branch at Vancouver.

A Merry Christmas to All

The good housewife has already constructed her mince pies and plum pudding, after having purchased the very best sugar and spices, lemon and citron peel at Watson & Hall's, 55 Yates street. She is now going back to purchase her confectionery and fancy groceries at the same place, because she knows that they do not sell old stock in a young and small shop. It

Valuable Information Free.

In a short time hence, do not say "If I had known, what I know now, I would have bought some lots in Alberni City." We tell you now that "Alberni City" is destined to become the great commercial center and metropolis of British Columbia. Get the facts from O'Neill & Cowie, 104 Yates street, Victoria, B. C.

Winter is Here.

Winter is here and the snow is falling in the vicinity of Messrs. B. Williams & Co.'s clothing establishment, at 97 Johnson street. Come and see if our display of Christmas gifts, comprising silk handkerchiefs, ties, scarfs, cuff buttons, scarf pins, silk umbrellas, fancy braces, gloves, etc., is not the finest in the city.

The Wholesale Houses.

All the wholesale houses in the city will remain closed from to-night until Monday morning next, thus giving their employees all of Saturday and Sunday to recover from the effects of their Christmas dinners.

The Phenomenal City.

Victoria is referred to as the "phenomenal city" among fire insurance associations, on account of the little loss by fire. This speaks well for the efficiency of the fire department.

Cook & Irving

Have purchased the Bee Hive saloon at the corner of Fort and Broad streets.

JUST ARRIVED FOR CHRISTMAS.

Handsome line of Fancy Chairs,
Ladies' Cabinets and Writing Desks,
Reed & Rattan Chairs, Bambco Easels.

Immense assortment of FANCY GOODS to choose from at

THE SEHL-HASTIE-ERSKINE COMPANY,

66 TO 68 GOVERNMENT STREET

French Laundry.

M. P. Castiron, an experienced French laundryman, has opened a laundry at 23 View street, where he will clean all kinds of wearing apparel. Having had a long experience, he is sure to make a success of the undertaking.

Mistletoe.

P. T. Johnston, seedsman, has received a consignment of mistletoe from England for Christmas decorations, and has hung a branch for good luck in the TIMES office.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

DRAWING.

The 54th drawing for an Appropriation in the Vancouver Island Building Society will be held in Sir William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad street, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th December, 1891.

See that your shares are in good standing.

B. WILLIAMS,
d19 Secretary.

CHILDREN'S DAY

—AT THE—

TORONTO GROCERY.

We intend to give all the young folk

A CHRISTMAS BOX

On Monday, the 21st.

TUESDAY IS

LADIES' DAY

We intend to give the ladies a free sample of our Blended Teas, and also a Christmas Box.

G. E. HAWES & CO.

Cor. Fort and Blanchard Sts.

THOS. STORY
Funeral Director & Embalmer
42 & 44 Gov't St., Victoria.

GREAT XMAS SALE

—OF—

JAPANESE GOODS

Just received by last steamer, consisting all kinds of Silk Goods, Tea sets, Vases, Trays Cloisonne, Writing Desks, Screens, Chairs, Tables, Toys of all kinds, Fancy variety of Curios, Brassware, etc. The finest lot of Xmas Goods in the city.

RUKUBAN CO.

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CAFÉ ROYAL

42 Douglas Street, corner View (Turner Block).

FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT.

Ladies' and Gents'

Coffee, Lunch and Oyster Parlor

BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY.

Candies and Creams made fresh daily. Catering a specialty. For Weddings, Dinners and Receptions of all kinds we've it to suit.

Open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Theatre nights until after the performance.

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WE DON'T pretend to be either an **English, Scotch, Irish, or Canadian** real estate firm.

ONE MAN'S MONEY is as good to us as another's—nationality is not the question.

WE CAN SELL YOU business or residential lots in any quarter of the city, on terms to suit.

MONEY TO LOAN on approved security at current rates of interest.

SOLE REPRESENTATIVES for Victoria City and District of the following well-known companies:

The Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, of Manchester.

The Manufacturers' Life and Accident Assurance Company, of Toronto.

Morrow, Holland & Co.

44 Broad Street.

GLANCE

At the list of Xmas Presents below, then call at our music store and select the goods.

Accordeons Autoharps
Banjos Clarionets
Cases Concertinas
Music Folios
Cornets Music Books
Fizgeolo's Mandolins
Flutes Piccolos
Tamborines Violins
Guitars Zithers
Whistles Harmonicas

CORNWALL AND ESTEY ORGANS
AND THE
HEINTZMAN PIANOS.

See our Great Window Display.

M. W. WAITT & CO.

88 GOVERNMENT STREET, VICTORIA

A THEFT IN ART.

The Story of a Missing Portrait of Washington.

Belief That It Is Still in Existence in the Isle of Man—The Portrait Originally Intended for the White House.

One of the most singular stories in the annals of art is the theft and disappearance of an authentic full length of George Washington, painted by Gilbert Stuart, the friend and pupil of West, says the London Black and White. This long missing portrait was one of three replicas made by Stuart from the well-known original painted to the commission of the celebrated Marquis of Lansdowne. That original and two of the copies are well and clearly accounted for; but the third disappeared in the following manner, and has never since been heard of. The portrait was painted for Gardner Baker, of New York, an active member of the society of St. Tammany, which at his suggestion established a museum. This museum was in 1795 made over to Baker, who added among other attractions the full length of the great general. In 1798 he appears to have gone to Boston to exhibit the picture; but, dying there of yellow fever, the portrait went to a Mr. Laing in satisfaction of a claim. By and by the committee charged with furnishing the president's house at Washington bought the picture, which was intrusted to one Winstanley, a tricky ne'er-do-weel of a painter, to pack and deliver. Winstanley, however, copied the Stuart in his own vile way, delivered the copy, and fled to England with the original. Stuart himself was the first to discover and denounce the fraud. But though he repudiated the canvas that still hangs in the white house, and though the evidence against it is overwhelming, patriotic citizens of the states will still believe it to be the genuine portrait repeated by Stuart himself from the Lansdowne full length. What became of the genuine work stolen by Winstanley, painter and thief?

Well, there is considerable reason to believe that it is now in the possession of William Burrows, a picture dealer at Douglas, Isle of Man. Some time ago there was a sale at Mount Vernon in that island, in consequence of the death of Mrs. Harrison, who was a Mrs. Hancock (having been twice married) and a daughter of one Breed, who formerly owned Breed island in Boston harbor, whose name is immortalized in the battle of Breed's hill, and who settled in the Isle of Man early in the century. Among a variety of pictures disposed of at the aforesaid sale was a fine full length in oil of George Washington, and a capital impression of the engraving which Heath made from the Lansdowne portrait, thus robbing Stuart of his copyright, and leading to probably the first and certainly the bitterest dispute on record concerning American and English artistic rights. Mr. Burrows bought all the pictures at the sale, and the print, the masterly style of the painting, and its all but complete identity with the engraving led him to conclude he had acquired a genuine Stuart Washington. Hence those recent paragraphs anent the "discovery" in the Isle of Man; hence a journey to London, picture in hand, to consult the experts.

Now the experts all agree that it is not only a genuine Stuart, but a very fine specimen in point alike of color, handling, design and (not less important) of preservation. Mr. Burrows' canvas is essentially the same (the differences between it and the Lansdowne being extremely slight, and not even so marked as those which, as a rule, naturally appear in replicas); but the Lansdowne does not equal the delicacy and distinction of the work now in Mr. Burrows' possession, but which ought properly to be in the national portrait gallery. The only portrait of Washington there is poor—so poor indeed that apparently the authorities don't think it worth exhibiting. Washington, after all, was as much British as American; and the national album certainly should contain a likeness worthy of the man and of the two peoples. But the authorities are so impecunious that they can only offer a comparatively small price. Such an offer has been made, it is understood; but the figure named is quite below the market value of the picture, which, unless some special means are taken to acquire it for the nation, will assuredly be snapped up by some patriotic American millionaire.

Finally, there is the question of identity. Space forbids such a lengthy statement as could be made of the facts, but briefly, the considerations in favor of this being the replica originally intended for the white house are these: Winstanley came to England, presumably with the portrait, about the same time as Breed. What more likely than that Breed purchased the picture for his Isle of Man home, which he named "Mount Vernon," after Washington's? It has hung in the principal room there for nearly ninety years; Heath's engraving (purchased probably at the time of publication), being in the bedroom. It is pretty certain that Winstanley stole the picture to sell; it is not unlikely that he sold it to Breed. This Isle of Man picture is a genuine Stuart and obviously a careful replica on a smaller scale of the Lansdowne portrait; it supplies in all essential points, apparently, the missing full length. If, therefore, this is not the white house portrait then Stuart painted another full length hitherto unrecorded; or there was a painter who painted in exactly Stuart's manner and forged his signature, about whom history and we know nothing.

Cooking Eggs Without Fire.

A new method of boiling eggs without either fire or hot water, has been invented by a Frenchman. "In a little iron vessel of some kind," reads the recipe, "put your egg or eggs with a small piece of quicklime. By means of a stout string lower this into the bottom of a pit. Two minutes later pull it up and you will discover your eggs to be cooked."

WORTH YOUR WHILE TO READ.

THE peach was originally a very poisonous fruit, but by cultivation the poison has disappeared.

OUT of the letters in the sentence "Let charity arouse your zeal," a St. Louisian has formed 29,059 words.

A CUBIC foot of newly fallen snow weighs five and a half pounds and has twelve times the bulk of an equal weight of water.

A TEXAS farmer who has 400 acres planted with 11,000 pecan trees calculates that in six or seven years, on the basis of an average yield of a basket for each tree, he will get a net return of 150,000 from them.

IN aiming a revolver experts claim hat it is utterly useless to attempt to ollow a sight line, but that more satisactory results are obtained when the narksman simply looks at the object to e struck, and fires.

RATTLESNAKES are said to have a natural antipathy to white ash leaves. Some naturalists assert that a rattlesnake placed in a circle of half ash eaves and half hot coals will cross the oals rather than encounter the leaves.

ON THE SIDE OF SCIENCE.

A BERLIN surgeon reports that pure water injected under the skin with a syringe is an excellent anesthetic.

A TEMPERATURE of 220 degrees below zero has been produced by a bath of arbon bisulphide and liquid nitrous acid.

DR. PINEL, of Paris, has found that hypnotic patients obey the phonograph as readily as they do a living speaker. He therefore discards the whole theory of animal magnetism.

THE heat-conducting qualities of the metals range as follows: Silver, 100; copper, 73.80; gold, 53.20; annealed aluminium, 37.96; tin, 14.50; iron, 11.60; steel, 11.60; lead, 8.50; platinum, 8.40; bismuth, 1.80.

SMOKE is finding its champions in England, notwithstanding the efforts made to prevent its diffusion in the atmosphere. It is claimed that the carbon in the smoke is a powerful deodorizer, and as such is a blessing rather than a nuisance.

TOLD OF THE UNKNOWN.

AN industrious Lawrence county (Mo.) woman has put up a five years' supply of fruit.

EIGHT brothers met in Mexico, Mo., the other day, and it was the first time that all of them had ever been together.

THE only pauper in Tucker county, Va., is handsomely lodged. The poor farm cost $900 and he has it all to himself.

A FARM in East Bowdoinham, Me., is worked by a farmer of eighty-two years, helped by his wife of eighty, and a family of eight middle-aged children.

A MAN in Concord, Mich., makes his living by raising English sparrows. When the birds feather out he cuts off their heads and gets the per cent. on them.

AN eccentric old bachelor who died a few days ago at Morenci, Mich., left a trunk in which were found $4,700 in gold, $10,000 in greenbacks and $10,000 in mortgages. His heirs are delighted.

A Model Representative.

A gentleman spending a few days in Washington called on his congressman who is also his townsman. The conversation turning upon home matters and home people, the constituent asked if it was true that Mr. ——, a department clerk from their county, was going to marry an heiress. The congressman said the engagement had been announced. "Is it a love match?" asked the constituent, "or is he going to marry her for money?" "Going to marry her for money, of course," answered the congressman, "and he makes no secret of it, either. I heard him speak of her as his financee right out in a crowd the other day."

A High-Priced Donkey.

The most costly donkey in Pennsylvania has just died in a town in the Lehigh valley. A few years ago a gentleman from that part of the state yielded to the importunities of his little son for a donkey and bought him a fine one. To pay for him and his trappings he bought five hundred shares of Northern Pacific common stock, expecting to sell out on a half-dollar advance. The stock never went even an eighth above the price he paid, but started down hill at once and at a rapid rate. After a sharp break the gentleman bought five hundred shares more to average, but the price never went up enough to let him out. He has tried to average several times since, but the only result was to tie up a respectable fortune in Northern Pacific common stock, which showed him a loss when the donkey died of almost twenty thousand dollars. Since the costly beast expired the stock has gone up three dollars a share, and if the present rise in the stock market holds on for a time the donkey will yet be paid for.

18 Pounds of Blood

Is about the quantity nature allows to an adult person. It is of the utmost importance that the blood should be kept as pure as possible. By its remarkable cures of scrotula, salt rheum, etc., Hood's Sarsaparilla has proven its claim to be the best blood purifier.

For a general family cathartic we confidently recommend Hood's Pills. They should be in every home medicine chest.

New Steamer.

The new and palatial steamer Victorian leaves Victoria daily except Saturday for Port Townsend, Seattle and Tacoma at 7:30 a.m.

Arrived O. K.

A fine stock of Razor Strops; a complete line of shaving materials, etc. Pocket Cutlery, Scissors, Table Cutlery direct from Sheffield, at Fox's, 78 Government street. Call and examine.

Get prices from Victoria Lithograph Company for lithograph work before placing your orders.

A fine line of 1847 Roger Bros. quadruple plated silver ware, suitable for wedding gifts, at Weiler Bros.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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The best and most useful Holiday Present for your parents or grandparents is a pair of our Solid Gold

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For your sister or brother, daughter, or son, a pair of

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MUNICIPAL.

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List of Rents for Stalls and Stores can be seen at the office of the "Inspector of Buildings," Wm. W. Northcott, City Hall, who will be pleased to give all necessary information. Call at once and secure your Stall.

By order, WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,

City Clerk's Office, Dec. 8, 1891. C.M.C.

XMAS 1891

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CORNER FORT AND DOUGLAS STS.

desire to announce that they have a large consignment of Groceries and Provisions and in order to dispose of same before stock taking, **make a Special Reduction for CASH** during the balance of year 1891 as follows:—

Ogilvie's Hungarian Flour, $6.40 per bbl. or $1.65 per sack.
100 tubs of best Creamery Butter, September pack (family size), at 30c.
Fine Island and Bonaparte Potatoes, $1.25 and $1.50 per sack.
7 cans Tomatoes for $1.00.
7 cans Sweet Corn for $1.00.
7 cans Sweet Peas for $1.00.
10 lbs. New Currants, $1.00.
20 lbs. New Valencia Raisins, $1.00.
3 lbs. C. & B. Mixed Peel, $1.00.
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12 lbs. Tapioca, $1.00.
18 lbs. Rolled Oats, $1.00.

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COMMENCES

MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER.

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of Victoria:

Having been requested to become a candidate for the Mayorship, I have, after consideration, decided to place my services at your disposal and respectfully ask your support.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

21st December, 1891.

NEW WELLINGTON

COAL

This Coal, mined by The New Vancouver Coal Company by UNION LABOR only, is supplied by the following Coal Merchants, at current rates:

The Victoria Coal, Wood & Lumber Yard.

Charles Rattray, Janion's Wharf.

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SAMUEL M. ROBINS, Superintendent.

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CASH CLOTHING STORE

55 JOHNSON ST.

Business Property For Sale.

The Corner Lot at intersection of Crescent and Cavan Street, Nanaimo, is offered for sale. On a portion of this lot is the two-story frame building now occupied by the undersigned as a General Store. This is one of the best, if not the best, business location in Nanaimo. No coal has been mined underneath, so the foundation is solid.

The business, with stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Safe, etc., is also for sale. For particulars apply to

A. G. HORNE,

s21 On the premises.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

W. H. BAINBRIDGE, Secretary of the B.C. Pottery and Terra Cotta Works, the B.C. Agricultural Association, and the Victoria Jockey Club, has removed his offices to the

JEWELL BLOCK, DOUGLAS STREET. se19-4

A. MAXWELL MUIR,

ARCHITECT,

Rooms 3 and 18, - - - Turner Block.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

BUILDER'S LIEN.

ANY ONE HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST A the frame building recently completed, situated at Sidney, North Saanich, are requested to present the same to Hall, Goepel & Co., forthwith.

W. A. BISSETT.

Victoria, Dec. 19th, 1891. dec19

PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for an Act to incorporate Mary Ellen McTucker (known in religion as Sister Mary Providence) and other persons now members or hereafter to become members of the Roman Catholic congregation of the Sisters of Saint Ann with power to receive, take, and hold by gift, leave, purchase, devise or otherwise real and personal estate of every description and with full power and authority to grant, sell and dispose of the same by sale, mortgage or other wise.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1891.

S. PERRY MILLS,

45 Langley street, Victoria, Solicitor for the applicants. dec11-2m

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described land, situated on Barclay Sound, Commencing at the southwest corner of Indian Reserve, Uchucleslt Harbor; following the shore line 20 chains southwesterly more or less; thence 15 chains west to shore line of Rainy Bay; thence 80 chains northwesterly along shore; thence 40 chains east to northeast corner of Indian Reserve; thence south 70 chains following Indian Reserve line to point of commencement. Containing about 400 acres, more or less.

GEO. A. COOPER.

Victoria, B.C., Nov. 5, 1891. no5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a timber cutting license over the following described tract of land situate at the head of Evans Bay, Reid Island, Sayward District:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 20, Sayward District, thence west 60 chains; thence north 100 chains; thence east 60 chains; south to the northern boundary line of said Lot 20; thence west and south along the boundary line of said Lot 20 to point of commencement; said to contain 1000 acres, more or less.

M. KING.

Dec. 8, 1891 de9m

NOTICE.

FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE I SHALL not be responsible for any debts contracted without my written authority.

W. F. TOLMIE.

Victoria Sept. 2, 1891. se2-1f

NOTICE.

I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY debts contracted by my wife or any other person on her behalf.

JOHN J. RUSSELL,

Strawberry Vale Farm

Victoria Dec. 11, 1890. de12-1f

MUNICIPAL.

CITY POUND.

NOTICE, IN POUND: One bay horse with white face and three white feet, will be sold at auction December 30th, Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon if not redeemed and pound charges paid on or before that date, by order of Mayor and Aldermen.

ANDREW SHAW,

dec16-7d Poundkeeper.

NO. 113.

A BY-LAW

Appointing three Commissioners of Sewers.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of Victoria as follows:

1. That Thomas Earle, M.P., J. H. Turner, M.P.P., and John Teague, Esq., Senior, are hereby appointed Commissioners to manage and superintend, as hereinafter prescribed, the construction of sewerage and drainage works for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

2. The duties of the said Commissioners shall be to examine all accounts and claims in respect of the sewers of the said City and to certify same; to sign all cheques drawn in respect of said accounts and claims, said cheques to be countersigned by the Mayor for the time being of the City, and to see that all moneys voted for sewerage purposes be not expended otherwise than for sewerage purposes; to settle all disputes which may from time to time arise between the engineer in charge inspector, or inspectors, or either of them, and any contractor or contractors for any work in connection with said sewers, and report the same through the City Clerk to the Municipal Council of said Corporation, and the decision of said Commissioners shall be final.

3. The said Commissioners shall have power to reject any or all work or material, performed or used, and materials proposed to be used in any such work, that is not in their opinion in accordance with the plans and specifications, or either of them.

4. If the said Commissioners shall be of opinion that any assistant engineer or inspector of works is not acting for the best interests of the said City, they shall call thereto the attention of the engineer in charge of said works, and through him order the discharge of said assistant engineer or inspector of works.

5. The said Commissioners shall meet at least once in each month, and at any other time at the call of the Secretary upon reasonable notice.

6. The City Clerk shall act as Secretary at all meetings of said Commissioners.

7. The Secretary shall call a meeting of the Commissioners whenever requested so to do by the Commissioners or the engineer in charge of the works.

8. The said Commissioners shall be appointed by the Council of the said Corporation, and shall hold office for the period prescribed and limited in and otherwise under and subject to the provisions of sub-section 97 of Section 96 of the "Municipal Act, 1891."

The remuneration of the said Commissioners shall be $10 each for each and every meeting of the said Commissioners duly convened.

This By-Law may be cited as the "Commissioners of Sewers Appointment By-Law, 1891."

Passed the Municipal Council the 18th day of November, A.D. 1891.

Re-considered and finally passed the Council this 25th day of November, A.D., 1891.

[L.S.] JOHN GRANT, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

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MRS. McGREGOR,

MID-WIFE

Has Diploma from the University of Edinburgh.

RESIDENCE:

Corner Douglas and Corbrant Streets.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Members of the City Government Turn Out in Full Force Last Evening.

The aldermen who by their absence from the city last week were the cause of no quorum on two occasions, have returned to town and the regular meeting of the council was held last night. His Worship Mayor Grant in the chair and the following being present: Aldermen Smith, Robertson, Hunter, Richards, Holland, Coughlan, McKillican and Renouf.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The clerk read communications from the following:—

Secretary Williams, of the School Board, complaining of the drainage at the Central School.—Received and tabled.

Secretary Williams, of the School Board, enclosing accounts for November and requesting exemption from water rates.—Referred to committee.

Jones Bros., requesting rebate of taxes alleged to have been illegally collected. Referred to city barristers.

A. & W. Wilson, again complaining of the building on Broad street, which they mention as a fire trap.

Ald. Richards said it was through sickness he was unable to hold a meeting of the fire wardens and deal with them.

Ald. McKillican said the matter should be attended to at once, as the building was undoubtedly unsightly and a fire trap. It should be removed even if the city had to bear the expense.

It was moved by Ald. Holland and seconded by Ald. Hunter that Mr. Tanner be notified to have the objectionable projection removed.—Carried.

L. Priceman, asking for street lines on Chatham street.—Referred to street committee.

Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, for Mr. A. De Cosmos, asking for a refund of of $200 paid by Mr. De Cosmos on improvements on his property.—Referred to assessment committee and city barristers.

W. H. Mason, requesting the usual donation to the Benevolent Society.

It was decided that $20 each be donated to the different charitable institutions of the city.

Wm. Hodge, requesting permission to erect a forge in a building on Broad street for a blacksmith shop.

Ald. Coughlan said that the building where the forge was going to be erected was an old stable, and it is not right that it should be converted into a building.

The matter was referred to the building inspector.

Mr. Northcott said he had already refused the request.

Lowenberg, Harris & Co., asking for a rebate of taxes on improvements on their property.—Referred to city barristers.

Inspector Northcott, reporting on the dangerous condition of one of G. Bossi's buildings on lower Johnson street. The inspector was directed to notify Mr. Bossi to have the building torn down.

Wilson, Wooten & Barnard, requesting the settlement of Wm. Bryce's claim for damages for the killing of his horse by an electric wire.—Referred to fire wardens.

John Smith, calling attention to the impassable condition of Leighton road. Referred to street committee.

H. La Pierre, asking for claims for damage done by a runaway caused by a man dropping a roll of wire on his horse. Mr. La Pierre was notified that if a city official dropped the wire the council would consider it.

Walker, Pemberton & Dumbleton, asking for a settlement of Mr. McCaskell's claim for damages on account of the bad condition of Chatham street, which prevented his house from renting.—Referred to street committee.

Wm. Phillips, asking permission to remove the London Hotel building to the northeast corner of Broad and Johnson streets from the opposite corner.

Ald. McKillican submitted that it was contrary to the fire by-laws.

After a lot of discussion, during which the aldermen got badly mixed as to whether it was lawful to remove the building, it was decided to refer the matter to the street committee, and city barristers.

J. J. Austin, who was appointed umpire in the case of Mrs. Booth against the city for making streets through her lots, awarded Mrs. Booth $460. It was decided to pay the amount of the award.

The secretary of the Union Club, asking for a refund of $112.50 paid for taxes on the club property, in view of the decision of Mr. Justice Drake in the case of Wilson & Dalby.—Referred to city barristers.

The sewerage commissioners, calling attention to the fact that the city clerk and treasurer have duties to perform in connection with the sewerage books for which they were not remunerated.—Laid on table.

Petitions were presented for sidewalks in different parts of the city.

Tenders for the agricultural building by-law debentures were opened and read. Robert Ward & Co. offered to purchase them at par. Dalby & Claxton offered 98¼.

Robert Ward & Co.'s tender was accepted.

REPORT.

Market committee reported they had temporarily appointed Mr. Johnson as caretaker of the market. The report was adopted.

The street committee recommended that sidewalks be erected on several different streets as well as box drains in different parts of the city. That Mr. Mathew, one of the foremen, be suspended awaiting an investigation into disobedience. That H. Croft's request that the city take over two new streets recently laid out be accepted. That the council have not the power to prevent the tramway company from building on Simcoe street as requested by E. Mallandaine. The report was received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Ald Holland gave notice that he will ask leave to introduce a by-law to appoint a market caretaker.

Ald. Renouf gave notice that he will introduce a by-law to remunerate the secretary and treasurer of the sewerage commissioners.

Ald. Holland gave notice that he will introduce a by-law to provide for the elections of the mayor and aldermen for 1892.

Mr. W. K. Bull was appointed returning officer to conduct the coming elections for mayor and aldermen. The usual polling places were announced.

Her Face Her Fortune,

Is commonly said of famous beauties. She who uses with artistic taste Wisdom's Famous Robertine has fortune in the possessing of a complexion to which nothing but the blush of the rose or the freshness of the lily can be compared. This preparation is just what it is claimed to be—the most delightful toilet article and only perfect beautifier known. Read the testimonials from famous artists, celebrated chemists and eminent physicians. D. E. Campbell, agent.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

PASSENGERS

Per steamer Victorian from the Sound—C E Wright and wife, A Blegel, R Jamieson, H Pearmine, Geo Lowe, H M Wright, J H Ranson.

Per str. City of Kingston from the Sound—C J Dunlop, Mrs F O Smith and sister, F C Smith, J Bessinger, H Detran, Thos Johnson, F Bullsby, Mrs Bowker, Geo Gray, D Ross, W Sage, R D Jessarum, Mrs J B Jessarum, E C and Miss Jessarum, Miss Wormer, E Heather, J Freeman, T Shaw, E Chicroy, R Kearny, A Atterson, W R Munger, Mrs Croft, H Allum, John Smith, Mrs Freeman, W R & S McCoy, E J Neregn, P B Duster, wife and two sons, J Bowker, Miss Walter, Mrs Fernett.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—Miss Lindsay, Dr Powell, R G Gibson, J McPherson, J Brown, C Booth, Justice Walkem, D McFarland, G H Martin, J R McKay, J F Morrison, Jas Stuart, Mrs Hartin, Capt Benson, Miss Wallace, G A Kelly, J F Smith, J F Long, J J Southcott, F A Blyth, W Wallace, J A Lamb, E V Kittle, John Tummely, C E Perry, Miss Martin, Miss Kitto, Miss Webster, G Henshaw, A Gilmore, G A Keefer, G B Cross, G A Fraser, J Pierson, J W Smith, Miss Bailey, Dr Tunstall, J Freel and wife.

CONSIGNEES.

Per str. City of Kingston from the Sound—George Vienna, B Gordon, R Baker & Son, T B Hall, G H Maynard, McLennan & McFeeley, Carson & S, Marshal & Son, D H Ross & Co, Tye & Co, S Bartlett, D H Winch, M W Waitt & Co, A Ayers & Co, Ramsay Bros, Ames Holden, J A T Caton, Ed Gen E Co, J Piercey & Co, W L Borthwick, H Saunders, Muir & Boyd, J Sommer, Vaio & R G Borthwick, J H Todd & Son, S Leiser, Close & J. J Bowers & Co.

Per Steamer Islander from Vancouver—Col In Rev, Robt Ward, Turner, Beeton & Co, Standard Sewing Machine Co, W Wilson & Co, Lenz & L C Strouse & Co, M W Waitt & Co, Ramsay Bros, T N Hibben & Co, Weiler Bros, J A T Caton, H D Helmcken, J Piercy & Co, Albion Iron Works, Wm Powell & Co, James Newbegging, McLennan & McFeeley, R A Brown, W H Phillips, J P Burgess, E G Prior, C T Penwell, Waller & D, Wm Wilson, Ames Holden & Co, W C McDonald, D Spencer, R & H, Thos Earle, Langley & Co, J H Baker, B C Commercial Journal, H Gribble, W Tuffs & Son, Brackman & Ker, Hall, Ross & Co, A M Wilmer, B Williams, T F Norris, Marvin & T, A Phillips, C Morley, Russell, McDonald & Co, B Gordon, Victoria Elec Tram Co, Hudson Bay Co, J W Mellor, Cowan & W, Jas Robertson & Co, Dr Eberts, A B Erskine, Edison Gen Lt Co, W J Stone, J Savannah, Heisterman & Co, W Saulter, Carmichael and P, H Saunders, T and King, Jas Maynard, H Jones, F Campbell, H L Salmon, Fred Adden, L G Henderson, George Phillips, E W M Cross, P McQuade, W E Bennett, G A Keefer, Braden and S, B C Soap Works, J H Todd and Son, Dom Exp Co.

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Intense Suffering for 8 years—Restored to Perfect Health.

Few people have suffered more severely from dyspepsia than Mr. E. A. McMahon, a well known grocer of Staunton, Va. He says: "Before 1878 I was in excellent health, weighing over 200 pounds. In that year an ailment developed into acute dyspepsia, and soon I was reduced to 162 pounds, suffering burning

Intense

sensations in the stomach, palpitation of the heart, nausea, and indigestion. I could not sleep, lost all heart in my work, had fits of melancholia, and for days at a time I would have welcomed death. I became morose, sullen and irritable, and for eight years life was a burden. I tried many physicians and many remedies. One day a workman employed by me suggested that I take Hood's Sarsaparilla, as it had cured his wife of dyspepsia.

Suffering

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8 Years

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NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifth Annual Meeting of British Columbia Fire Insurance Company will be held at the company's office, 64 Yates street, on Thursday evening, January 21st, 1892, at 4 p.m., when the annual report of the company will be presented. Members of the company are requested to attend.

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Dec. 21, 1891.

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Dec. 30.

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The offices of the Company have been removed to 40 Government street, the premises lately occupied by the Telegraph Company.

Dec. 30.

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$275—One large Lot on Tennyson road, Cloverdale, on easy terms.
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$850—1 Lot on Gorge road.
$700—One Lot on Garbally road, close to car line.
$380—Two Lots on Hereward street, Esquimalt road.
$625—One Lot on Jubilee avenue.
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THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Chief Justice Scores the Council for Entertaining Seattle Visitors.

The adjourned sitting of the Royal Commission on municipal affairs was held to-day, but was again adjourned to give the commissioners and counsel fuller time to digest the evidence.

There was a little by-talk at the sitting of the commission on a statement of the "miscellaneous expenditure" of the city, when the Chief Justice delivered some of his usual unique speeches. One of them was relative to the expenditure of $700 for the entertainment of the Seattle mayor and aldermen on the occasion of their visit here in the early part of the year.

Pointing to an item of four hundred odd dollars for the Queen's Birthday celebration, Mr. Justice Drake asked if the council were not wanting somewhat in loyalty. They spent something over four hundred dollars in honor of Her Majesty's birthday, and right behind that item was one of over $700 for entertainment. What was that for?

Mr. Raymur said it was for entertaining the Seattle mayor and aldermen, who visited Victoria about that time. They were given the freedom of the city, and all their expenses were paid by the council.

Mr. Bodwell commented on the principle as not being a good one, and the Chief Justice warmly interposed, asking what good did this do the ratepayers who had to pay for it? How did it benefit Mr. Richards, Mr. Bodwell, or himself (the Chief Justice) to pay a return compliment, a sort of drink for drink, with foreign visitors? And a very expensive drink it was when it cost over $700. The mayor and aldermen went over to Seattle, where they were filled full as whiskey kegs, and then they came back—what good did that do the ratepayers of Victoria? It was entirely a mistake, and any auditor with a grain of intelligence would quash such an expenditure as that in an instant.

Mr. Raymur smiled, and the Chief Justice continued: Any auditor with common sense would put aside such an expenditure; that is any auditor with any independence would refuse to pass it—but not an auditor who was paid to pass such items.

Mr. Bodwell submitted that the matter was more the fault of the system that obtained than anything else, and the matter was allowed to drop.

The Chief Justice advised the City Council to visit New Westminster and take a lesson from the excellent system of street nomenclature that obtained there. One has no difficulty in finding one's whereabouts, for the names of the streets are placed up within sight on boards written in large, bold characters which can be read with the greatest ease. Here in Victoria it was different. His lordship didn't believe that anyone knew the streets of Victoria beyond the one he lived on and the principal streets, such as Yates and Government. He himself was frequently asked, not a hundred yards from his own house, where a certain street was, and he was positively unable to tell. He asked Mr. Taylor to suggest to the mayor and council that this be remedied.

Changes Hands.

John Cook, formerly of the Delmonico, and Geo. M. Irving, both well known in Victoria for years, have purchased the Bee Hive saloon at the corner of Fort and Broad streets. They intend to renovate the bar room, and being popular they are sure to command a share of the public patronage.

The Men Won the Case.

Judgment was given in the test case brought against the captain of the bark Sarah by Thomas Tappin for wages due. Messrs. Robt. Ward and Wm. Dalby, Justices of the Peace, gave judgment for plaintiff, Tappin, for the full amount of wages claimed, with costs in the action. Mr. Langley was about to enter action for the other men, but Mr. Taylor, solicitor for the captain, assured the magistrates that the men would all be paid off at the Custom House, Saturday, at 10 o'clock.

WHEAT FOR ENGLAND.

A New Route From Manitoba to Europe via Victoria.

There are several hundred tons of wheat now on the way from Brandon, Man., to be shipped to England by the bark City of Carlisle, now at R. P. Rithet's inner dock. With the wheat and salmon the Carlisle will be well loaded. This shipment of 200 tons of wheat by the Pacific Ocean, and round Cape Horn to Liverpool is the first experiment of the kind ever tried, and under similar conditions as to freight arrangements, or in the absence of cargoes for returning vessels, it will possibly be repeated. It is scarcely probable that wheat can be profitably landed from the centre of Canada to the western ocean, and thence carried to Liverpool, at the same price that it can be carried direct; but that it can be occasionally taken at all by this route with advantage to the shippers, will be worth demonstrating. The Great Peace River country, the best wheat land now unoccupied, is nearer by a thousand miles to Victoria than to Montreal; and it may be, should the Hudson Bay railway prove impracticable, that the product of that country will some day find access to the markets of the world through British Columbia ports.

From the North.

Mr. R. Cunningham, the Skeena River cannery owner, who arrived from the north this afternoon on the steamer Thistle, reports things quiet along the northern coast. There has been very little frost or snow up north and the Skeena is still open from the Canyon down. Men are at work at the Canyon blasting out rock to make it navigable.

The Water Pressure.

Chief Engineer Deasy is testing the fire hydrants throughout the city. He finds from 70 to 52 pounds per square inch over James Bay.

The Umatilla's List.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24—Passengers per steamer Umatilla for Victoria:—Mrs. F. G. Smith and two children, Mrs. J. Lewis, R. Telfer, D. Munro, W. Brown.

You

Must not forget to buy your wife a present. Partridge of the Lansdowne is showing all the new styles and at bedrock prices.

The Latest.

Photographs on handkerchiefs, book marks, etc., will not break, wash out or fade, see samples at Jones & Co., 60 Yates street.

No Paper.

As to-morrow is Christmas, THE TIMES will keep holiday as usual.

Max O'Rell in America.

The following extracts are from Mr. Max O'Rell's new book, "A Frenchman in America" (Arrowsmith). Here are his impressions of the American hotels, which have been so much praised:—"In a large hall, a counter behind which solemn clerks, whose business faces relax not a muscle, are ready with their books to enter your name and assign you a number. A small army of colored porters ready to take you in charge. Not a salute, not a word, not a smile of welcome. The negro takes your bag and makes a sign that your case is settled. You follow him. For the time being you lose your personality and become No. 375, as you would in gaol. Don't ask questions, theirs not to answer; don't ring the bell to ask for a favor, if you set any value on your time. All the rules of the establishment are printed and posted in your bedroom; you have to submit to them.

BRIEF LOCALS.

One Day's Doings in City and Province Briefly Related.

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Okell & Morris' jams, cheaper than butter.

Mistletoe button-holes, 25 cents each at Moss's, 31 Rae street.

Have your shoes repaired at Cavin Bros., Douglas St. tf

Seattle's police department has been added to by a patrol system.

Simpson's Bon Ton Tailor Parlors, 86 Government street, Victoria. Dress suits a specialty.

Rev. Mr Hansen, German pastor, will preach Dec. 25th and 27th in Harmony Hall, View street, at 2 p.m.

When suffering from toothache try Gibbons' Toothache gum. Sold by all druggists.

The Full Court will sit immediately after the Christmas vacations.

Cambridge sausages, beef sausages, pork pies, boiled corn beef and ham, at Whitelaw & Co.'s, 125 Fort street.

Two or three fine parlor suites and two oak sideboards for less than cost at our undertaking rooms, 36 Broad St. Lockhart & Co.

Macaulay & Higginbottom, Lion Clothing House, commence their annual Xmas sale to-day, Saturday, December 19th.

The shareholders of the B.C. Iron Works Co., Limited, of Vancouver, have decided to increase the capital stock to $250,000.

The American hunter has made such havoc on the reindeer that old Santa Claus is forced to use a bicycle. See him at Dixi H. Ross & Co.

Stocton flour at 33 Fort street.

The committee of arrangements on the K. of P. anniversary ball will meet on Monday night to settle final details.

New styles in ladies rubbers at Erskine's boot and shoe emporium, 132 Government street, cor. Johnson street.

A recount of the voters in Ward 3, New Westminster, is very probable. The case is to come before the courts on January 4th.

Large stock of handsome and useful articles at Weiler Bros.

Easy chairs, piano stools, easels, reed and rattan chairs and rockers at Weiler Bros.

The Seattle restaurant has closed its doors. The proprietors state that the business was not a paying one.

Mr. Ed. Whitcombe and Miss Philopena Eberts are to be married at the Pandora avenue Methodist church this evening.

Just a year ago to-night poor Dave Fee was shot down in the streets of this city. The thoughts of that tragedy will tinge with sorrow the holiday feelings of many old friends of his.

Artistic linen and silk lamp shades at Weiler Bros, 51 to 55 Fort street.

For your Christmas purchases the Lion Clothing Store, 74 Yates street. Prices to suit all.

Do not forget to get your sausage meat for dressing your turkeys at 93 Yates street.

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MUNICIPAL.

The City Hall offices will be closed Christmas (to-morrow), and Saturday, December 26th.

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All accounts against the Corporation of the City of Victoria must be sent in to the undersigned before 4 o'clock on

Wednesday, 30th December

so that they may be read at the Council meeting the same evening and passed for payment.

CHAS. KENT,
d24td Treasurer.
(Colonist copy.)

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23 VIEW STREET.

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